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Ottawa may release sensitive report

By
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OTTAWA —
The justice department should receive by the end of the month a sensitive report prepared for the Deschenes Commission that outlines how Nazi war criminals got to Canada, according to a lawyer for the department. The report will probably be made public soon afterwards, Paul Lordon told The CJN.

The report, completed by historian Alti Rodal, traces the evolution of a number of East European fascist groups and Nazi puppet governments and also describes the Canadian immigration policy responsible for allowing war criminals into the country.

According to a Globe and Mail report, the study names the politicians and public servants responsible for that policy. It also expands on a secret U.S. post-war operation to recruit White Russians, including Nazi collaborators, as anti-Communist agents and how British Intelligence sent Nazis into Canada under cover of new identities.

The study was submitted to the Privy Council Office by Justice Jules Deschenes on Dec. 30 along with the public and private portions of his report. The justice department still hadn't received it by mid-March, Lordon said. He attributed the delay to the need for the PCO to meet the standards set by the Access to Information Act and the Privacy Act requiring confidentiality of certain information.

No personal information which may "harm an individual" will be released, Lordon said. Neither will information given Rodal in confidence by other governments.

Other portions of the report will be made public, Lordon said. According to the Globe and Mail, the study details the makeup of the 1st Division of the Ukrainian National Army which, as a part of the Waffen SS, fought for Germany during the Second World War.

It also describes the role of organizations sympathetic to the Nazis, such as the Romanian Iron Guard, the Latvian Thunder Cross and the Hungarian Arrow Cross.

Rodal told the Globe she feared the government may withhold publication of the report for fear it may embarrass the politicians and bureaucrats and offend some ethnic groups.

The study also reportedly details the roles of the Quebec Catholic Church and former Prime Minister Louis St. Laurent in helping into Canada a French count who had served as an aide to Lyon Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie.

Some of the Rodal's findings were incorporated in the public part of the Deschenes report, Lordon said, pointing to Deschenes' review of immigration procedures in the post-war period. Deschenes described how from 1950-54 there was a gradual lifting of restrictions on members of Nazi organizations (CJN March 19).

Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn said he intends to make the "very sensitive" report public.

Meanwhile, the justice department is being kept busy working on the released portions of the Deschenes report, Lordon said.

He told The CJN that Hnatyshyn has asked the department to provide proposed amendments to the Criminal Code "as soon as possible. It's as clear and pressing as I've ever seen," he said. "It's a very high priority. The minister of justice is very insistent."

RCMP officers are checking the war crime suspects investigated by Deschenes, Lordon said — even those cases Deschenes recommended be closed.

Lordon said he expects additional manpower will be allocated to the task, although he declined to say how many in the justice department are participating in the work.

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In other developements, Canadian Jewish Congress' Quebec regional executive called on the government to release the Rodal study, The CJN's David Lazarus reports.

It also passed a resolution urging the government implement the three legal remedies set out by Deschenes: changing the Criminal Code, altering denaturalization and deportation procedures, amending extradition agreements.

Jack Silverstone, Congress' national executive director, said the government must move expeditiously to amend the Code, even before the summer recess.

"The process should have already been commenced," Silverstone said. "If the government is prepared to go the Criminal Code route, it must be done simply and quickly."

Congress would consider it intolerable if the issue was shelved for future con-

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Ida Milgrom, mother of Natan Scharansky, tells her 20-month-old grandson Boris a story before his afternoon nap. Milgrom, her son Leonid and his wife and two children were in Toronto to speak at Beth Tikvah Synagogue under auspices of B'nai B'rith Canada. [Graphic Artists photo]

"First voices were from Canada"

Toronto cheers Milgrom

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
Many people in the Soviet Union desperately need support from the West in order to survive, Ida Milgrom said here last week.

Milgrom implored an audience of more than 600 at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, who rose en masse and cheered as she approached the podium and again as she left it, to help them as they helped her during her son Natan Scharansky's 9-year prison term.

"Ten years ago, Anatoly — she calls him by his Russian name — was imprisoned and I thought my life was finished. But the fear and horror disappeared quickly when I heard your voices — the first voices were from Canada. I knew you were with me, that it was time to fight and there was hope."

Milgrom said at the meeting sponsored by B'nai B'rith Canada's Soviet Jewry Committee and Beth Tikvah Synagogue that those years were torturous especially when her son went on a hunger strike "but the voices encouraged me in the worst possible times.

"When I heard the voices, it was like breathing to me ... I'm alive because of the calls and the support. Please make sure others have it too."

Milgrom, whose Russian was translated by Genya Intrator, BB's special advisor on Soviet Jewry, said that though her family is reunited in Jerusalem and the time has come for them to be happy, "how can anybody rest when hundreds of thousands of Jews are in the Soviet Union, becoming old and their children growing up and problems increasing."

Milgrom's son Leonid Scharansky told the crowd that Beth Tikvah means house of hope and that's exactly what it has been for his family, who are staying with relatives in Toronto.

"You are all our family. We know of the support you gave Avital in our hour of need," he said in English.

• For more on the Milgrom visit to Canada see pages 6 and 7.

Keegstra heads back to court for appeal

By
PAUL LUNGEN

CALGARY —
Former schoolteacher Jim Keegstra will be in court again on April 6 when his appeal from conviction for promoting hatred against Jews will be heard by the Alberta Court of Appeal.

Four days have been set aside for the appeal.

Defence lawyer Doug Christie will again represent Keegstra. He will be aided by lawyer Duncan McKillop, who will address the constitutional law issues — such as freedom of speech — raised by the case, Crown attorney Bruce Fraser said.

Both sides have filed lengthy documents of about 140 pages, outlining the legal and factual matters pertaining to the case. Keegstra has raised more than 40 grounds of appeal, including Charter arguments against the validity of section 281.2 of the Criminal Code under which he was convicted.

Fraser said some of the arguments raised in the recent Zundel case, in which the Ontario Court of Appeal rejected Charter arguments against the validity of the "false news" section of the Code, could be applicable in the Keegstra case.

Fraser said another parallel between the cases was the defence contention that it should have been allowed to challenge the impartiality of jurors by asking them specific questions. The Ontario Court of Appeal cited that as one reason for overturning Zundel's conviction and ordering a new trial.

"That's certainly going to be argued against me," Fraser said, noting that the trial judge in the Keegstra case did not allow Christie to challenge jurors for cause.

Fraser said he expects a 3-man panel of judges will sit on the case, which will be heard in Calgary. As in the Zundel appeal, they could overturn the conviction and order a new trial if there were sufficient mistakes of law that prejudiced the fairness of the original trial or they can throw out the section of the Code if it offends the Charter of Rights.

A third option would be to maintain the conviction and perhaps accept the Crown's contention that the sentence should be increased from a $5,000 fine.

Keegstra was convicted after a 3-month trial in Red Deer for teaching his students in Eckville that Jews were responsible for most evils in Western history as well as being involved in a conspiracy to destroy Christianity.

Pollard affair has hurt U.S. ties, Shamir says

JERUSALEM (JTA) —
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir conceded last week that the Pollard spy affair has hurt Israel's close relationship with the U.S.

Addressing Hadassah's 75th jubilee convention, he described it as "a painful episode in the relationship between the United States and Israel. It is a tragedy in every respect. It has hurt United States-Israel relations. It has upset many of our friends in the United States."

The Pollard and Iran affairs have been a "test" that, Shamir said, he hopes will pass. He said he was optimistic that the valuable relationship between the two countries, based on mutual strategic interest and values, will remain unchanged.

Jonathan Pollard, a former civilian intelligence analyst employed by the U.S. Navy, was sentenced to life imprisonment for his espionage activities on behalf of Israel. His wife received a 5-year sentence as an accessory.

On the eve of Shamir's remarks, U.S. Secretary of the Army John Marsh affirmed here that the bonds of friendship and military cooperation between the U.S. and Israel are unaffected by the Pollard case.

That affair should be seen "in the right perspective." It was "a small element compared to the overall strength of our alliance," Marsh told reporters after a meeting with Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

He said that, contrary to some reports, his visit to Israel at this time had nothing to do with the Pollard affair. "It is part of the continuing interest and effort of my country toward our commitment to this country," he said.

The main purpose of his visit, Marsh explained, was to study several matters of military interest, notably Israel's quick mobilization process, which he called "very impressive."

In Washington, Senator Daniel Inouye, a powerful figure, urged American Jews not to fear a backlash against the Jewish community because an

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Holiday deadlines

Because of the Passover holidays and Good Friday and because we're moving to new premises (10 Gateway Blvd., in Don Mills), April will be a very busy month for The CJN necessitating changes in the deadlines as follows:

April 16 issue — Editorial deadline is Friday 4 p.m., April 3 in Toronto; advertising deadline, Wednesday noon, April 8.

April 23 and April 30 issues — editorial deadline, Monday, April 6 in Toronto.

Advertising deadline for April 23 issue: 4 p.m., April 10 for organizations, and 10 a.m. April 16 for other advertising. Advertising deadline for April 30 issue will be back to normal.

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World-National

Community grows aware of wife abuse

By
RABBI W. GUNTHER PLAUT

The Long Island centre where psychologist Barbara Harris takes care of battered women gets 1,500 calls a year, and fully 20% of them are placed by Jews. They are women who have been physically beaten, slapped, pushed around and otherwise abused to a degree that in the end they take the unheard-of step and go to a shelter where they are safe and get some help. Ms. Harris spoke at a meeting in Toronto.

Rabbi Plaut

We Jews are generally skeptical about such figures. We have an image of the Jewish family in which the wife is treated like a princess and is held in high esteem by husband and family. True in most cases, says Ms. Harris, but in 1 family out of 5 the Jewish wife is subject to some physical abuse. (A Toronto social worker present said that in her experience in the ratio was "only" 1 in 10. We are not fully Americanized yet.)

Battered women have several features in common: not only do they have violent husbands, they also have a very low opinion of themselves. Their husbands have so insistently told them that they are stupid, incapable, non-performing, that they have come to believe it of themselves. They have literally been brainwashed. They have come to think that if they are beaten by their husbands it is because they as wives have been a failure. That's what their mothers tell them when they go home, and that's what they believe society will tell them if they make their plight public. (In that respect battered women are much like rape victims; a lot of people feel that it is the woman herself that has helped to cause the assault.)

Only lately have battered women "come out of the closet." They now seek counseling, and social workers, like rabbis, are now far more alert to the syndrome than they were in the past. As I was listening to Ms. Harris I thought back on my days as a rabbinic counselor. Plenty of women came to me with marital problems, but I, out my own initiative, never asked them whether their husbands were abusing them physically. The question is being asked now, and the women themselves are better able to speak of reality as it is.

Are there differences between non-Jewish and Jewish families in the respect? Yes, says Harris. Jews are more attuned to counseling, and that is a plus. But they are also frequently unwilling to admit to themselves that they do have a serious problem and are hampered by a Jewish society which considers wife-battering not to be a Jewish symptom. So, for a long time such women say nothing, fearing that they wouldn't be believed anyway.

While Gentile battered women average 18 to 27 years when they come to seek help at a shelter, Jewish women are generally between 32 and 45. And while Gentile women who are abused stay an average of seven years in their marriage, Jewish women will endure it for twice as long. It takes a long time before they get over their guilt feelings that they are letting not only their families down but the Jewish community as well.

Jewish men rarely beat their wives so badly that hospitalization is required. Small comfort! Battering is what it is on any level, and now that the subject has become discussable among Jews we may be able to tackle it more successfully. It's none too early.

(In Toronto, Jewish Family & Child Service has a specialist dealing with battered women. Ask for Rayna Knobler, at 638-7800.)

Deschenes Commission recommends:

Look to East Bloc for evidence

What are the federal government's next steps in the wake of the Deschenes Commission report? Justice Minister Ray Hnatyshyn has promised prompt action on the Commission's recommendation that the Criminal Code be amended to allow for the prosecution in Canada of war crimes suspects. But just who are these suspects and what did Deschenes have to say about them? Following are some excerpts from the 966-page report that outlines Deschenes' proposals for further action.

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In 96% of the cases which the Commission has investigated, it has not communicated with the suspects. A small number of suspects are, however, in a different situation. Twenty-nine have been summoned for interrogation and several have expressed an interest in the eventual recommendations of the Commission. This concern is understandable and legitimate. Those recommendations are all found in Part II of this Report (the secret portion).

Where the government will agree that some proceedings be initiated against one suspect or another, these will of course be advised soon enough. But where the government will agree that a file should be closed, that decision should be transmitted to the individual concerned and his counsel. There are nine such cases.

The 20 other cases should be disposed of with all due dispatch. The Commission accordingly recommends that:

• **In the 20 cases where the Commission recommends, in Part II of its Report, that steps be taken toward either revocation of citizenship and deportation or criminal prosecution, urgent attention should be given to implementing those recommendations and, if necessary for that purpose, to bringing the necessary amendments to the law as well as actively seeking the cooperation of the interested foreign governments.**

There remains work to be done:

Part I of the Report:

• 5 cases where the suspects should be interrogated;

• 8 cases where interrogation should be coupled with a search for evidence in France, Romania, USSR and Yugoslavia (subject to a policy decision of the Canadian government);

• 83 cases where a search for evidence should be pursued in Hungary, Poland, Romania, USSR, West Germany and Yugoslavia (subject to the same policy decision);

• 6 cases where a search for evidence should be pursued in more than one country, including Czechoslovakia, Israel and the U.S.A. (subject to the same policy decision);

• 38 cases in the Addendum, where the investigation here and abroad has not or has barely begun;

• 55 cases on the list of German scientists and technicians where inquiries should be pursued both here and abroad.

Part II of the Report:

• 1 case where extradition should be considered with Czechoslovakia;

• 18 cases where witnesses should be examined or a search for evidence should be pursued in Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, U.S.A., USSR and West Germany.

Assuming a governmental decision to go ahead, it is clear that another monumental effort will be required to forge ahead with speed, organize work, assess the results and counsel the government as each case ripens.

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(After discussing the American Office of Special Investigations, established to investigate and prosecute Nazi war criminals, the Report states):

Creating an OSI in Canada would be courting dangers which must be avoided at all costs: internal peace between various ethnic groups which form such an important part of the population of Canada is more important, in the long run, for the good of this country than results which may be more spectacular in the short run, but are likely to inflict serious and possibly incurable wounds.

This does not mean that no special effort is required to achieve the results at which the Commission's recommendations are directed; quite to the contrary. But it means that a determined effort could achieve those results within the framework of the Canadian institutions as they exist. One condition is paramount: that there be a political will to act. The department of justice and the RCMP should be able to handle the job.

Assuming that the task would be entrusted to Justice and the RCMP, heavy resources should be resolutely put at their disposal. Both human and financial resources are, in this field, an essential ingredient of success.

The answer does not lie in instructing one or two departmental lawyers and one or two police officers to follow-up the Commission's recommendations. One official of the department of justice must be given full authority over this particular job; this official must be able to rely on the full time cooperation of a substantial team of lawyers, historians and police officers; this official must have access to ample financial resources; this official must be responsible for advice in matters of war crimes to the Attorney General of Canada, through his deputy.

(The Commission concludes by saying that if the government declines to pursue further investigations and either bolster the RCMP and Justice or renew the mandate of the Commission), "there would appear to be no other alternative but to close the whole matter of war criminals altogether."

Judaic studies at Vatican

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The introduction of modern Jewish history to the curriculum of candidates for the priesthood at the Vatican's Pontificia Universita Gregoriana reflects a major change in church attitudes toward the Jews, according to the Israeli scholar who helped plan the courses.

Daniel Carpi, a professor of Jewish history at Tel Aviv University, was invited to inaugurate the new centre of modern Judaic studies at the Gregoriana, the Vatican's major institution of higher learning. He spent time there as a visiting professor, preparing two course outlines, one in Jewish history of the 16th and 17th centuries and another on 19th and 20th century Jewish history.

The latter will include the haskala (enlightenment), the Zionist movement, anti-semitism and the evolution of church attitudes toward the Jews during the past two decades.

Carpi noted that this was made possible in 1985 when the Vatican's committee on non-Christian faiths, headed by Johannes Cardinal Willebrands, decided to erase the notion that modern Jewish history was a non-subject.

Surrogate motherhood recalls sister's lesson

By
RICHARD COHEN

WASHINGTON —

Throughout my life, my sister has taught me many lessons. As befits a sibling who's older, she often instructs by example. Rather than have a child herself, she said there were too many unwanted ones in the world and so she adopted one. This is how the sweet and delightful Lillian came into my life.

I admire my sister for what she did. I admire her even more because I am not sure I would have done the same. If my wife and I could not have conceived a child, I might have tried something other than adoption. I might have resorted to a surrogate mother.

I can understand the urge to have what is called "your own" child. I have one of my own, and one of our pleasures is to talk about his ancestry — the Koens of Poland, the Fitzgeralds of Ireland. It is even a greater pleasure to see some of my wife and some of me in our son — and also, sometimes, to see my father's smile on my son's face. Anyone who does not understand that is disconnected from humanity.

And so it is with the realization that the blessed should hesitate to lecture the deprived that I nevertheless wonder about the practice of surrogate motherhood. It raises many disturbing questions. What happens — as in New Jersey — when the surrogate mother refuses to surrender the child? Which parent deserves custody when the claims are biologically equal? If the tug of war is publicized, what will be the effect on a kid who learns that one parent was compelled by the other to give her up?

No one knows the answers to these questions. Surrogate motherhood is too new for conclusions to be drawn and, anyway, we still know relatively little about human behavior. I have talked to a former family court judge, a child psychologist who specializes in custody cases and a psychotherapist. For my questions, they had nothing but more questions. The Talmudic tradition lives in the field of mental health.

But the former family court judge did raise the issue of ownership, what might be called procreative capitalism. Some people want a child that is theirs, that they "own." They seek a clone and to treat the child as an extension of themselves — a statement of who they are. In this case, children become a consumer good, like cars. They announce status. For some people, the perfect child is one who behaves the way they would like, attends the "right" school and then has a career that complements those of the parents.

All of this is understandable, although not necessarily admirable. We all know people who see their own status on the line if their child is not admitted to a certain school. We all know the Little League father who doesn't recognize that it is his child who's up at the plate — not him. We all know the parent who wants a child to "marry well" — an ugly phrase that has nothing to do with happiness and everything to do with status and wealth.

Adoption limits those possibilities. For the parents, it means going outside their own pool into terra incognito. Whose child is this we are getting? Will it be bright? Will it be dumb? Will it have my ear for music, my zest for dancing? Will it have grandpop's gift for math and grandma's cutting wit? Will it be like us?

These are tough questions. But what have they to do with love? What have they to do with wanting a baby for its own sake? What have they to do with the hard and true lessons of parenting — the demands on time, the need to share, the slow comprehension that even our "own" children are not ours but are unique unto themselves.

These are the universal experiences of parenting. The people I know who have adopted children, love them no less because they are not "their own." In some ways, maybe, they love them more. Whatever the case, they love them. God, how they love those kids.

I go back and forth on the issue of surrogate mothers. I empathize with people who seek children in this manner. They want what I already have. But if the insemination of a stranger was achieved in the usual way, we would be a lot quicker to say what we think — and maybe disapprove. It hardly helps matters that money also changes hands, with the well-off paying the less-well-off to have a baby.

But the world is awash with unwanted babies. They are mostly Black, brown and yellow and to some people that makes a difference. This can be a difficult route, but the outcome is sweet: a child. A child as good or as bad as any other — as unique as a snowflake and, in a hug, no different at all. This is how the sweet and delightful Lillian came into my life. She is the lesson my sister taught me.

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1% inflation in February

TEL AVIV (JTA) —

The cost of living index rose 1% in February, the lowest monthly increase in the past half year, the Central Bureau of Statistics reported.

It was attributed to seasonal declines in the prices of fruit and vegetables, down 8%, and a 5% decline in the price of clothing.

Workers will receive a 2.7% cost-of-living allowance with their next salaries.

The low monthly increase was good news for Histadrut and the Employer Association.

Inhabitants on the firing line

Metullah mayor yearns for normality for town

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
We want a normal life for our children.

That is the moving refrain of Yossi Goldberg, mayor of Metullah, Israel's northernmost community whose inhabitants are, literally, on the firing line.

The mayor, a man of sunny disposition despite his demanding job, and his equally warm wife Galia, were here recently as part of a Canadian tour.

Following his visit in Toronto to apprise United Israel Appeal of Canada of conditions in northern Israel, Goldberg was scheduled to make similar stops in Montreal, Ottawa, Calgary and Vancouver, meeting several Canadian mayors along the way.

His presence "serves as an impetus to an existing commitment to and concern for the settlement and well-being of northern communities in Israel," says Barney Harris, national field director of UIA.

To that end UIA Canada has funded the development of several priority projects in Metullah and other communities in northern Israel, he says.

The functioning projects in Metullah include the Enushevsky Community Centre, and an as yet to be named youth theatre.

UIA is also now working with the Ottawa community to build the Hy Hochberg Sports Centre in memory of the former executive vice-president of Ottawa's Jewish Community Council in Metullah.

In Kiryat Shemona, the Phil Granovsky Family Auditorium serves as another expression of UIA's interest in the welfare of northern residents, adds Harris.

The various projects are intended to bring some binding civility, culture and comfort to the tiny communities like Metullah (population, 5,000) which sit a hair's breadth from the Lebanese border and maintain the Magen David on Israel's strategic perimeter.

Those communities are close enough to Lebanon to have felt many times the wrath of fiery projectiles from terrorist guns and rocket launchers.

Attacks which required Operation Peace for Galilee, reminds Goldberg, mayor since 1978, and chairman of an organization of border communities since 1985.

He noted that he, Galia and their children, Dorit, Ayal and Moran live even closer to the border than most — only some 20 metres from the dividing line.

But at one time, the Goldberg family owned land on the other side of the line, says Yossi, who is the third generation of his family in Metullah.

When his ancestors first settled in 1896 along with many other Jewish families, they farmed land north of today's boundary.

Their presence there is confirmed by a 1945 Royal Air Force reconnaissance photo showing the identifiable pattern of Jewish cultivation.

Unknown even to most Israelis today, says Goldberg, is that privately-held land was traded back to the Arabs for peace in 1948 — despite the fact Israel had control as far north as the Litani River.

Because the occasional katyusha is still fired into Metullah, the residents live under tense conditions which require constant vigilance.

It is especially difficult, says Goldberg, to provide a normal life for the children, who must receive special counseling.

"We don't know when we will be attacked, we only know that we will be attacked from time to time. You never know, but you know the atmosphere, so you organize your life more.

"From the history of the Jewish people we know that we need a country. And there is no question as to how important Metullah and the Galil are to Israel.

Yossi Goldberg

Galia Goldberg

"We know we must give our children a normal life and future — my job is about how to give the civilian population in the north a normal life."

Goldberg acknowledged and praised UIA for its projects which, he says, have improved morale. He added that until Operation Peace for Galilee, the north "felt isolated from the rest of Israel.

"The war in Lebanon brought home to every Israeli what is at stake in Metullah and along the border."

Though the ever-present threat of terrorist attack creates an atmosphere of uncertainty and Metullah's physical isolation poses an obstacle to economic growth, its mayor still expresses optimism and commitment.

"I like my job," says Goldberg. "A lot of younger people said that we had to develop Metullah and give our children a future, and I think this is the reason why I became mayor."

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During the course of the Goldbergs' interview with The CJN, Galia told a story about a particular attack that well conveys the conditions for those in northern Israel.

Her narrative describes an attack in July 1981 during which 100 katyusha rockets fell in one evening, part of 10 days of continuous bombardment when 1,200 were hurled at the settlers.

"We always live with the feeling of danger. When your children are going to school, you say to them not only be careful, but you must remind them where shelters are.

"On this special evening, we went with the children in the shelters for the first of many days, and to be in there with the children is very difficult. You sit with your own; your neighbor sits with her's, and so on.

"All the mothers are very nervous because their husbands are outside under the attack of the rockets.

"After 10 days Yossi came to see me and he saw that I was near collapse. He told me: 'You know, I have a good idea that on this night it will be quiet.'

"He told me to take the children and sleep in the house, and 'I will be with you.'

"For me it was the best present anyone had given me and we went to the house and prepared to go to sleep.

"Then, a cabinet minister came to Kiryat Shemona (10 km to the south) and called Yossi to come and discuss the situation. Yossi promised to come back soon, but after a half an hour a terrible attack of katyusha rockets began.

"The lights in Metullah failed and it was very dark and frightening. My daughter began to scream.

"I lay over the children to protect them. Suddenly the phone began to ring, and I began to crawl and search to find it, my daughter under my arm.

"Yossi was on the other end and I heard his voice as if it was that of God's. I did not need to say anything; he heard the crying of my daughter and the of my daughter and the terrible explosions

"The order in that situation is not to go outside until the attack is over, but his feelings as a father were stronger than any order.

"He grabbed his car and quickly drove to Metullah passing people lying in the ditches for cover. He came home and when we saw him, it was like seeing the Moshiach.

"When he saw that everything at home was in order, he went to see what had happened in Metullah which was punctured as though with needle marks. Every five or 10 metres there was a sign of a falling rocket.

"Thank God all the people were in the shelters and no one was hurt in this attack. This was only one of many terrible nights and days we lived through during that year."

NDP honors Orlikow for his 25 years as MP

MONTREAL —
David Orlikow, the scrappy socialist from Winnipeg, was honored at the recent New Democratic Party national convention on the occasion of his 25 years in the House of Commons.

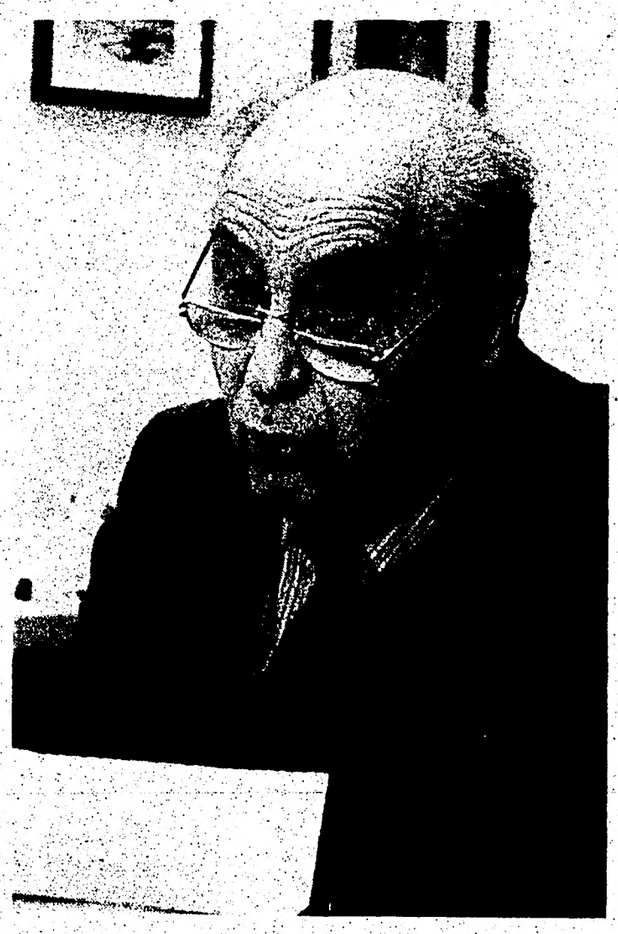
Orlikow, who will be 69 next month, said the special presentation made to him by the party was not a signal that he is on his way out of politics. "On the contrary, I used the opportunity to tell my friends and my enemies I am running one more time."

The MP for Winnipeg North, Orlikow was first elected to the Commons in 1962. He was the national director of the Jewish Labor Committee at the time.

He had been a member of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation (the forerunner of the NDP) since its formation in 1934. His father Louis was one of the founders of the Jewish Workmen's Circle.

Orlikow was a graduate in pharmacy, but was more interested in labor relations and social welfare, which led him into politics. He was a director of the John Howard and Elizabeth Fry Society and sat on the board of the Welfare Council of Greater Winnipeg.

He was secretary of the Manitoba Labor Committee for Human Rights and president of the local of the Office Employees International Union.



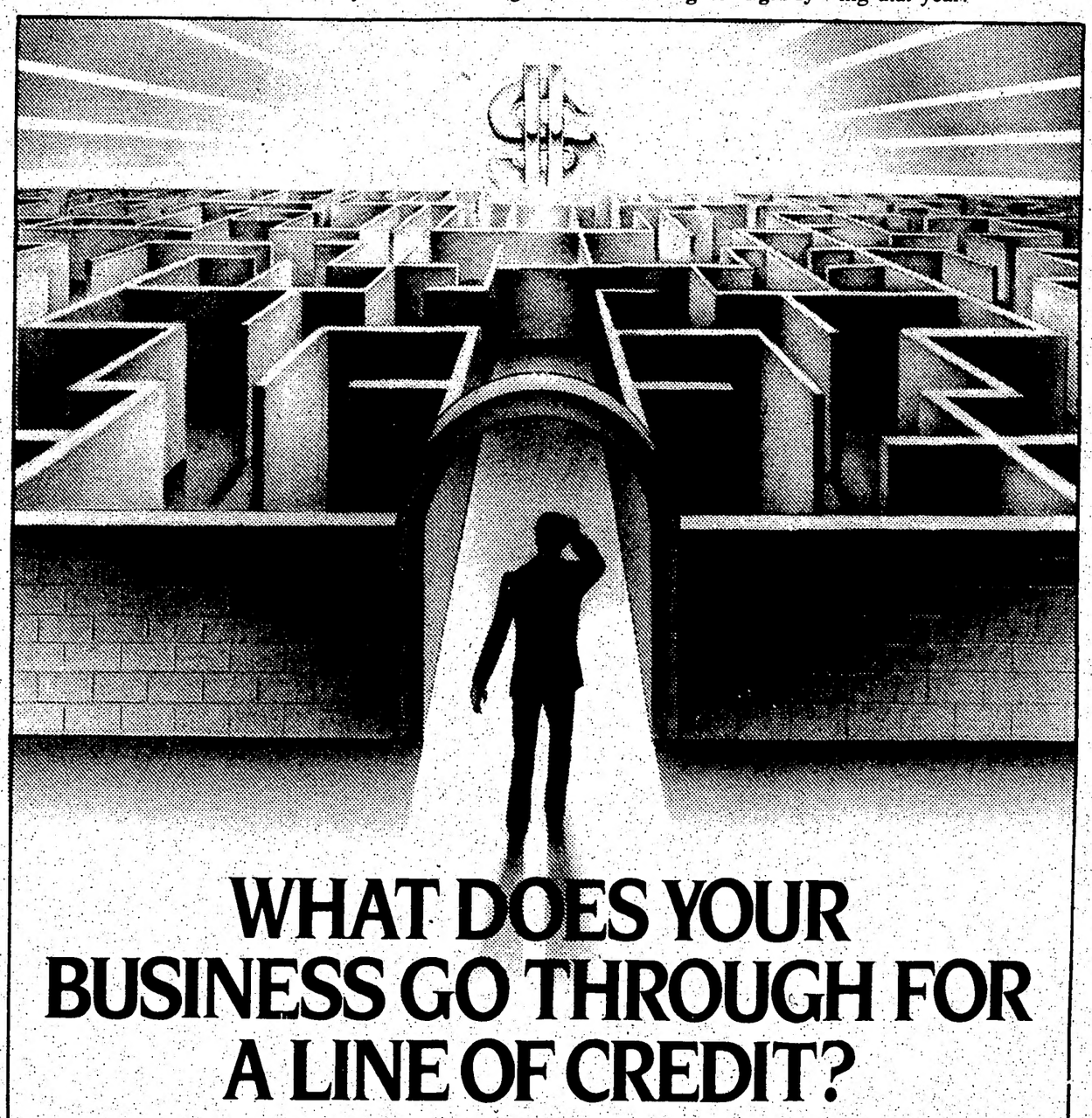
David Orlikow

His elected offices included school trustee, alderman and member of the Manitoba Legislative Assembly from 1958-62.

Orlikow shrugged off the honor bestowed upon him by the convention delegates. "I don't believe I need to be thanked. If a person runs for office, he does it because he wants to do it and, if he can keep getting elected, he does it as long as he wants."

He expressed dismay at the proliferation of soup kitchens and shelters for the homeless, the result, he charged, of the ideology of the conservative (Liberal and Progressive Conservative) parties. "This is the sort of shocking thing I had hoped never to see again after the 1930s."

The NDP donated $400 to Orlikow's favorite charity to mark the occasion.



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Living Halacha

By
RABBI MOSES J. BURAK

QUESTION: Why are the rabbis of Israel so tough-talking, always ready for confrontation with Diaspora religious leaders?

Confrontation is nothing new in Jewish life. Korach attacked Moshe, and was undoubtedly surprised at Moshe's uncompromising attitude.

Rabbi Burak

Other battles had more satisfactory endings. When Rabban Gamliel treated his Ab Beth Din, Rabbi Yehoshu'ah, disrespectfully in an halachic dispute, he was removed from office. Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah replaced him, instituted new policies. Hundreds of students flocked in, and decisions of such vast importance were made, that even Rabban Gamliel, the ousted Nassi, couldn't stay away from the proceedings.

In Tractate Berachos, 28A, we are told how Rabban Gamliel went to pay a courtesy call to the man he had treated so roughly. Rabbi Yehoshu'ah didn't treat his visitor gently, and said to him: "Alas for the generation of which you are the leader, seeing that you know nothing of the troubles of the scholars, their struggles to sustain and support themselves!"

The Talmud goes on to tell us how Rabban Gamliel apologized to Rabbi Yehoshu'ah, and was forgiven. When they made peace, Rabban Gamliel was restored to office, but had to share it with the man who had replaced him. After that, Rabban Gamliel preached three Sabbaths, and Rabbi Elazar ben Azariah preached one Sabbath.

In this instance, both men were concerned with Divine Law. Both worked for the glory of God. Since that was their goal, Rabbi Yehoshu'ah, the man whom Rabban Gamliel had humiliated, was the very efficient agent who brought about the return of Rabban Gamliel to his high office.

Today, our conflicts arise out of strange and weird situations. Here is what Jakob J. Petuchowski, a professor at Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati tells us in the *Journal of Reform Judaism*, Fall 1986, page 18:

"There has not been much talk of God in Reform circles in recent years. Indeed, the most recent edition of American Reform Jewish liturgy even contains 'services' that are meant to make atheists and agnostics feel comfortable. Apparently one no longer has to believe in God in order to be a Reform Jew — or even a Reform rabbi — in good standing."

There are three responses published along with Petuchowski's article. One of them is by Rabbi Dow Marmur of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple. Even he failed to sense just how damaging Petuchowski's words are about the absence of God in Reform circles. But, Israel's Chief Rabbis do understand where the trouble lies.

Do you remember the furor that arose when Knesset Member, Rabbi M. Porush threw the new Reform prayer book on the floor? The screamers hadn't read through the text. They probably thought that this siddur was like any other siddur, with perhaps a little better English in it. Did they know about 'services' for agnostics and atheists?

That's where the trouble lies today. God can be thrown out; but He can also be brought back when it suits one's purpose. Explaining the admission of a homosexual congregation, we find these words: "Since the congregation is already formed and has applied for membership in the Union, why should we not accept it as a *kehila kedosha*? If all humans are equal in holiness before God, surely all Jews are, too."

This is on page 26 of the same Journal. There is no source given for the statement about holiness in all humans. "Holy, holy, holy is the God of Hosts."

Wants to testify at Demjanjuk trial

Aussie says he can identify "Ivan"

By
VIC ALHADEFF

SYDNEY, Australia — An Australian man who attacked Ivan the Terrible with a shovel during a prisoners' revolt at Treblinka is confident he can identify John Demjanjuk and is demanding to be summoned to Jerusalem to testify at the trial.

Furthermore, he believes Demjanjuk may still have scars on his back from the shovel attack.

Chaim Sztajer, 78, says he and four other prisoners were drawing water from a well under the supervision of a Ukrainian guard. It was Aug. 2, 1943.

"At 4 p.m. we heard an explosion, which was our signal, and two of us attacked the guard," he said. "We grabbed his rifle and I killed him with shears I had hidden. Then I saw Ivan (the Terrible) running towards me.

"He was unarmed. If he had a gun he would have shot me. I ran towards him and he turned and began running away. I picked up a shovel and struck him on the back. He fell, bleeding. I didn't see him get up.

"I heard someone behind me. I turned around and saw a German approaching. I killed him with the shears. I ran to where I had left Ivan lying. He was no longer there. I never saw him again."

Sztajer escaped into the Polish forest and remained in hiding until Russian forces arrived 13 months later.

Haunted by his painful experiences in Treblinka ever since, he has built a model of the death camp out of wood and barbed-wire in his home in Melbourne. The model is 3 metres long and 2.5 metres wide.

It took him three years to build, complete with models of mass graves, gas chambers and crematoria.

About 850,000 Jews died at Treblinka. In a corner of the model is Demjanjuk in his black SS uniform. Near him are two bleeding figures hanging upside down.

Sztajer, who spent 11 months in the death camp from September 1942, said he saw Demjanjuk mutilate, torture, murder and rape his victims. Arriving at Treblinka, he was forced to undress and line up with his wife and 2-year-old daughter outside a gas chamber.

Raped girl, bayoneted her

"My wife went into the chamber and it was then full up," he said. Sztajer was sent to join a work group.

"Ivan took my little girl out of my hands and threw her in over everyone elses' heads. The last I remember is her saying she wanted to come to me.

"There were people standing naked and there were young girls about 15 years old. Ivan picked out the prettiest and raped her in front of everyone. She was screaming, so he took a bayonet and ripped her open and left her to die. A German approached and said 'What's happening?' Ivan said, 'She threw herself on me so I killed her.' The German said 'You did well.'"

Another time they caught two prisoners who were planning to escape. The Germans wanted to hang them by the neck. But Ivan said he wanted to do it. He hung them upside down from morning until sunset. At the end they were screaming and bleeding. So someone shot them in the head.

"I remember Ivan filling the gas chamber to only 30% of capacity so that the people inside would take longer to die. He used to cut noses, ears and breasts off prisoners."

Sztajer said Demjanjuk's son looks today like his father looked in 1943. "I want to go to Israel to confront him," he said. "And if he has the scars on his back, then it's definitely him."

"If he has scars on his back . . ."

Sztajer has written to the Israeli authorities offering to testify at the trial, but to date says he has not received a reply.

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JERUSALEM (JTA) — The prosecution in the case of accused war criminal John Demjanjuk won approval last week to seek permission from the authorities in Belgium and West Germany to question residents who may have evidence pertinent to the trial.

The 3-judge panel agreed to the prosecution's request as the trial of the Ukrainian-born former American citizen ended its 4th week in Jerusalem district court. The State Prosecutors Office is expected to send officials to Belgium and West Germany in the near future, but procedures for such a move remain to be established.

Legal circles said the questioning of witnesses abroad might be carried out by a team of prosecution and defence lawyers. The court rejected a defence motion to read into the record evidence submitted to an American court in the 1978 denaturalization trial of Ukrainian-born Feodor Federenko who, like Demjanjuk, allegedly was a guard at the Treblinka death camp.

Presiding Justice Dov Levin said it was clear from the outset that a judgment by an American court was inadmissible but the defence could bring witnesses from the American court here to testify.

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Critics cite "technical problems"

Rabbi Price defends validity of Toronto eruv

By
DAVID BIRKAN

TORONTO —
Senior Rabbi Abraham Price is standing firm against recent charges of halachic invalidations battering the eruv he first erected 36 years ago.

"It's still OK," he told The Canadian Jewish News. "It's been altered and expanded to meet the growing community. Toronto has the best eruv in the world."

The eruv — an halachic boundary that mitigates the biblical injunction against carrying on the Sabbath — stretches from the lakefront to just below Highway 7, and from the Humber River in the west to the Rouge River-Steeles Ave. intersection in the east.

"As far as I am concerned, it is in 100% order," said Price.

Leaders of the Bobover Kollel, Kollel Avreichim, on Coldstream Ave., and the nearby Minyan Avreichim, think otherwise.

"Technical problems" have to be solved before the eruv can be considered valid, said a spokesman for Rabbis Menachem Adler, Shlomo Miller, Jacob Hirshmann, Jacob Sofer and Lipa Wechter, signatories of a public declaration warning against its use.

"Our opinion is based on three specific areas," he said.

"The present eruv has a perimeter of about 75 miles," he said. "If just 20 feet of that are improper, the whole eruv is invalidated.

"Chumrah (voluntary intensification of halachic strictures) is not an issue here, as some people claim," he said. "There are specific physical problems involved."

The spokesman added that even if these were solved, his group would probably not use the eruv anyway. "We haven't used the eruv for many years," he said. "We don't carry on Shabbes at all."

The spokesman ascribed the attachment to an eruv to the East European background of the founders of Toronto's Orthodox community. "It has a lot to do with the way people lived in Europe," he said. "Most Polish communities had an eruv. Many kept their cholent in the baker's oven, and had to be able to take it home. In other parts of Europe, eruvim were not as prevalent."

The Reichmanns, said to be the main supporters of the two kollels and the synagogue, hail from Hungary.

"Our notice was not meant as an insult to Rabbi Price," the spokesman said. "The text, that the eruv is no good, may have come across as a little too tough. I'm sure many who objected would have been satisfied with a softer tone."

He added: "The signatories didn't want to antagonize anyone. We are sympathetic to people who want an eruv and have used one over so many years."

Rabbi Moshe Lowy, president of Toronto's Vaad HaRabbanim, told The CJN that "we don't take any position. It's up to Rabbi Price. If a competent and recognized rav established something like that for so many years, it's not up to us to mix in."

His sentiment was echoed by **Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner**, a founding member of the Vaad. "As of now, the Vaad has taken no position," he said. "We have not challenged the existing eruv."

Rabbi David Schochet, head of the Lubavitch Centre in Thornhill, said: "Lubavitchers have never carried. Even when we put up eruvim, as in Israel, we don't use them. We follow the Mishna Berura. It says that there should be an eruv around each community, but it's best not to rely on it."

The problem with the best of eruvs, he said, was that "children grow up without any sensitivity to the prohibition against carrying."

But, "the many non-Lubavitchers who attend our services come to shul with their baby carriages. We don't discourage them."

Schochet said that changes in any of the components that are linked together to form the eruv "can create problems. Wires can fall or be removed. Water levels (against embankments) can rise or fall."

"Rabbi Price is a man of vast erudition and great character," **Rabbi Moses Burak**, another pioneer of the Vaad and its predecessors, told The CJN. "If he says the eruv is good, then it's good."

Burak said that pictures of alleged halachic disruptions in the eruv, which were shown at the recent Vaad meeting, indicated "no real problem."

He decried the recent tendency in certain Orthodox circles to "look for chomrot rather than heterim (leniency). It is easier to find things wrong than right," he said.

While including himself among the "people who on principle don't carry on Shabbat," he stressed the importance of an eruv.

"It protects the sanctity of the Sabbath," he said. "Can you stop children from running out of their house with cookies and candies? Can you tell women not to carry handkerchiefs outdoors?

Burak pointed out that "almost every major city in the world where there is a Jewish community has an eruv."

He said that extensive material had been printed over the past two centuries on the eruvs of London, Odessa, Rotterdam, the Hague, Metz, Warsaw, and Frankfurt.

Quoting 19th century sage the Chatam Sofer, Burak said: "You can't have a city without an eruv."

Reitman raps Bouchard on refugee procedures

By
DAVID LAZARUS

MONTREAL —
Federal immigration and employment minister Benoit Bouchard spoke about public opinion polls, and not humanitarian concerns, in recent talks about the status of refugees trying to enter Canada, says Canadian Jewish Congress president Dorothy Reitman.

At a recent CJC regional executive meeting, Reitman expressed her concern about implemented changes to immigration procedures and its effects on the refugee determination process.

"As a Jew, I keep thinking of Jews turned away from our shores, and we can't let that happen again," she said.

Most troubling, Reitman said, is the abolition of "B-1" nation category (18 countries with repressive regimes to which Canada did not return refugees even if they couldn't prove they were refugees).

This would allow the government to return a refugee status claimant back to a country like Iran, instead of the automatic assurance that the claimant would be permitted to stay, she said.

Reitman was also concerned about the requirement that most travelers possess transit visas. The visas would prohibit refugees, ostensibly flying to another country, from disembarking in Canada.

Thirdly, she said, Canadian consulates are taking inordinate lengths of time in processing claimants.

In light of these procedures, Reitman said, legislation expected to be tabled in about one month has her worried that "no more refugees" will find a haven in Canada.

This is intolerable, she said, especially when considering the fact that Canada "needs more people" and that this country's quotas on immigrants and refugees were not filled last year.

Reitman recommended to the government that an advisory committee be established to deal with these issues, and called for the implementation of the "Hawkes model" for determining refugee status, based on the principles of universal access, appeal on merit, independent evaluations, and expeditious processing.

On a separate issue, Reitman reiterated the CJC position against capital punishment.

She said in view of the current drive to bring the issue before Parliament in a free vote in June, Canadian Jews should "speak out" to their members of parliament and through other venues to prevent the death penalty's return.

"From a religious point of view, rabbis were the first abolitionists. We do not want to perpetuate a society of brutality."

At the CJC Plenary Assembly last year, the convention passed a resolution against capital punishment.

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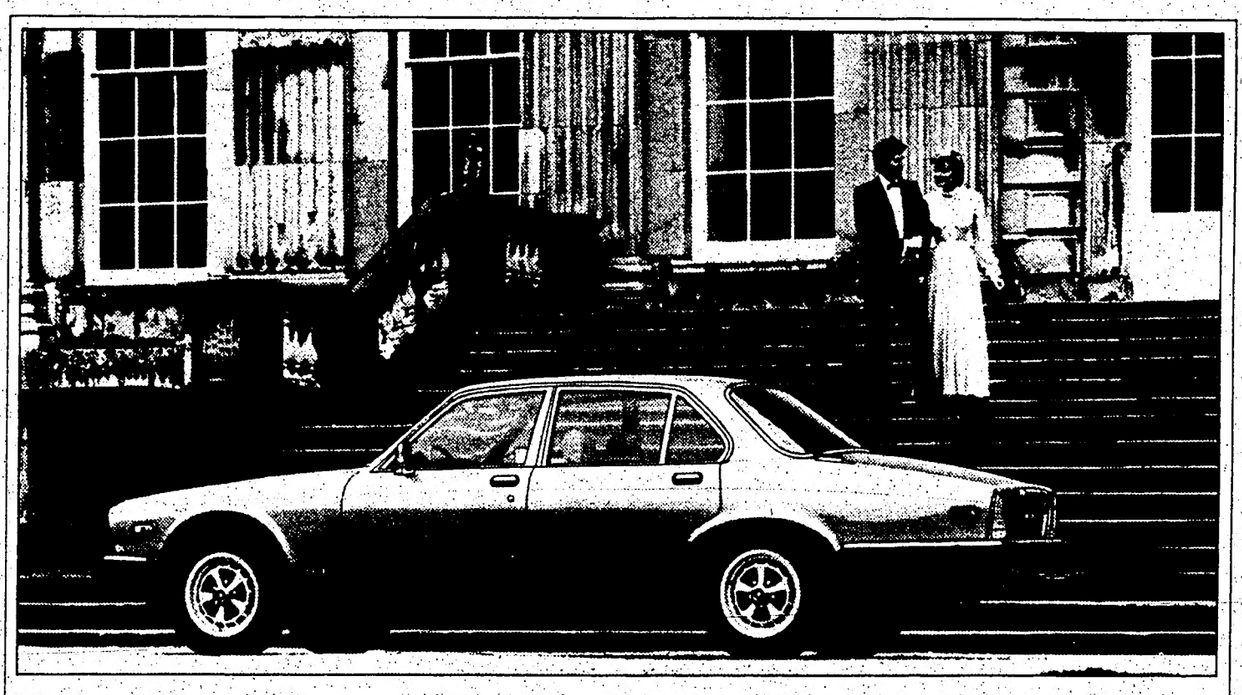

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"I ask all people to continue the struggle"

Ida Milgrom won't let age stop fight for freedom

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —

Deep lines of living etch Ida Milgrom's face.

As the 78-year-old mother of Natan Scharansky recalls the past suffering of her family while sitting in the living room of her Toronto relatives Stan and Debbie Solomon, her eyes sparkle and her gestures eliminate the need for a Russian translator. The sheer determination of her voice also transcends the need of son Leonid's translations.

Milgrom, who was in Toronto under the auspices of B'nai B'rith Canada to address a meeting at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, said her present happiness in Israel is diminished by the daily reminder that all Soviet Jews are not as she is — reunited with her family living in the country of her choice.

To that end, Milgrom's and the entire Scharansky family's future is a steady round of blowing on the fire of activism in the West. Though advanced in years, she won't let age do what the Soviet officials tried to — cause her to give up hope for freedom ... the salvation of the future.

Asked in an interview with The CJN why she is still fighting Soviet authorities at a stage of life when most people want to sit back and enjoy their accomplishments and their family, Milgrom replied "I don't feel my age now ... I became many years younger (when rejoined with my family).

"I went through those awful years and I understand (what it means) to lose your son, (how it feels to be) separated from your dear ones and the happiness of a mother to see her children again and for the children to be reunited with their dear ones," she said.

"I cannot be quiet when I know a lot of people are in Soviet Union jails — their dear ones are struggling for their freedom — and hundreds of thousands of people are waiting for permission to leave the Soviet Union. Years go by and children grow up, their problems growing all the time.

"That's why I won't be quiet and I include myself in this struggle till all the people who want to leave the Soviet Union find themselves in the free world. If I won't have the time, I ask all people to continue the struggle."

Milgrom recalled that though regulations stated she was able to visit Natan, whom she still calls Anatoly, twice a year for a 2-hour visit, she and Leonid were permitted to see him only six times in nine years.

Several days before a scheduled visit, Milgrom received a telegram informing her that the visit was canceled because Natan violated an internal regulation.

Leonid said Soviet officials tried to get Scharansky, who was traded in an East-West spy swap in February 1986, to admit to working for the CIA which he termed "a false accusation."

There was sometimes as much as two years between visits to her son, who was first arrested in 1974 and then again in 1977 within days of his marriage to Avital and her receipt of permission to emigrate.

"My mother complained and tried to demand to see Anatoly but it was always in vain."

Natan was transferred from prison to a labor camp in October 1985 and according to regulations, the family is able to visit him. Milgrom kept waiting and waiting for the letter to come and tell her where her son was.

When more than a month had passed, she began sending letters to different officials but to no avail. She then sent information to Avital in Israel and friends abroad who set in motion "a lot of noise in the West." In January 1986, the day before a meeting between Soviet foreign minister Andrei Gromyko and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, the family received word to visit Natan.

When asked her reaction to the canceled visits, Milgrom shrugged with a quiet acceptance of the Soviet way of punishing both the inmate and his family.

How did it feel seeing her son — even in the presence of guards who listened attentively to every word — after lengthy absences?

"We were both nervous but he tried to smile and make me feel good. The first half hour I was usually silent — I only tried to examine him — his face, his eyes. We tried not to show each other the tears and the nervousness. After the meeting, I was nervous and excited and analyzed every word said.

"It was so concentrated ... we had to tell Anatoly things and tell him in such a manner that the guards wouldn't stop the meeting. We tried to tell him what was going on without mentioning names.

"All the time when the meeting was over, I reminded myself that I had forgotten to say a lot of things and, in conversations since Anatoly says he too thought afterwards of all the things he didn't say that he had wanted to. It shows the intensity of the meetings with guards trying to understand every word we didn't say."

Leonid called the exercise "kind of a game" with his mother trying things between the lines without alerting the guards.

The two said that they had made a decision not to apply for emigration until Natan was out of prison. They applied in March 1986, the month after his brother arrived in Israel, received permission in July and rejoined the family in September.

Leonid said that without family in the Soviet Union acting as a conduit between Natan and Avital and the West "it would have been impossible to fight for him. We were the only ones who could contact Anatoly and the authorities there ... even if there was no information, it was information. They would have been happy to see us out."

Milgrom attributes Natan's release to organizations but more particularly to "people of the whole world — especially housewives — who stood up to defend my son.

"The support from the West not only helped me to continue it protected me and gave me a feeling of safeness. At first I couldn't imagine what to do, how to do it — it seemed life had stopped. But when I felt the nearness of people and not only personal friends but voices from all over the world ... when I felt this support, I found the strength to fight there.

"I felt hope and that Anatoly would be saved. Only because of that support, am I alive now."

It has been seven months since Milgrom, Leonid, his wife Raya and sons Alexander, now 14, and Boris now 18 months, were reunited with Natan and Avital in Israel. Two months after the reunion, on Milgrom's 78th birthday, Avital gave birth to a daughter.

Breaking into a Cheshire grin as she talked of Rachel, the first girl in the family for many years who is named for Milgrom's sister, she said "they gave me a gift.

"Avital said it's only the beginning," Leonid translated, adding that he's not sure whether the others will also be birthday presents.

Milgrom said life in Israel is not as she imagined it would be — there are more bureaucrats and the climate wasn't as difficult to adjust to as she thought.

"Israel is very nice. I'm happy there with my children ... it's a good life."

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Ida Milgrom is greeted by (from left) MPs Bill Attewell, Sheila Finestone, Howard McCurdy and NDP leader Ed Broadbent in the lobby outside the House of Commons. [Howard Kay photo]

Representatives of Ottawa Jewish youth organizations present flowers to Ida Milgrom upon her arrival at the airport. From right are David Baker, Susan Gara and Justin Cammy. [Howard Kay photo]

Ida Milgrom chats with members of the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry (from left) Janet Foster, Patricia Crofton and Audrey King.

Rachel Mandelkorn Caspi ז"ל

Passed away at Baycrest Hospital Thursday, March 12, 1987. Beloved wife of Alec Caspi, dearly loved mother and mother-in-law of Miri and Murray Gotkind. She leaves her sister and brother-in-law, Rena and Abraham Silberberg and her family in Canada and abroad.

After graduating from high school with many honours, Rachel went to Palestine to study at Hebrew University. Her many years of devotion to building the State of Israel began during World War II, when she served at Histadrut offices with Ben-Gurion and Golda Meir. She continued this strong commitment as Youth Liaison with Haganah during the war years.

In 1947, Rachel married Alec Caspi and both of them worked in Haganah. Later, she supported Alec while he worked with other Jewish leaders to establish the Israeli Air Force.

Rachel continued her life-long support of Judaism and Israel when she and her family moved to Toronto by becoming an active Hadassah member and also serving for eight years as Executive Secretary to the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University.

Friends who wish to honour her memory may make donations to the Rachel Mandelkorn Caspi Memorial Fund for Cancer Research c/o Bar-Ilan University, 665-8015.

DIARY ...of a People

By
DAVID BIRKAN

Persian conqueror of the Middle East Cyrus the Great was crowned king of Babylonia and of all lands, on Nisan I (March 31 this year) in 538 BCE. His considered liberation of the Jews and the Temple earned him the mantle of a messiah.

Some 200 years earlier, Assyria's Sargon II crushed an ill-timed rebellion by vassal Samaria and destroyed the Commonwealth of Northern Israel. He claimed 27,290 Israelites were taken into captivity and many more than that number dispersed into the maw of his empire, which stretched as far as the Ganges in India. In 586 BCE, Nebuchadnezzar subjected Judea to a similar fate, in the process of destroying the Temple. The bulk of this disaster's deportees, however, clung together in Babylon to maintain its identity in the hope of eventual repatriation.

The vast empire, now nearly 1,700 years old, was erupting with discontent. Greek history says that Cyrus overthrew his Medean grandfather Astyages, a loyal vassal, and proceeded to conquer the crumbling pillars of a tottering rule: Lydia, Ionia and Babylon.

A young soldier at the time, he was the only foreigner who wept at the burning of the Temple, according to Jewish legend. As a reward, his people were granted rule over the entire civilized world, and he, the kingship. At his coronation, he was the only leader allowed to sit with impunity on the fabulous throne of Solomon, the symbolic seat of world power.

A gold lion on its base lamed Egyptian king Shishak with a blow of its paw, in 925 BCE, and did the same later to Nebuchadnezzar. The throne collapsed under Epithanes, son of Antiochus; Alexander the Great kept a respectful distance from it. Cyrus was deemed a cosmocrator. Messianic expectations expressed in Isaiah and Jeremiah were interpreted to herald his ascension.

Gentile Zionist

Cyrus, who declared himself a liberator, did not disappoint — at the beginning. Reversing Assyrian policy, he encouraged cultural and religious autonomy for his farflung communities. In the first year of his rule, he promulgated the Edict of Restoration for Babylon's Jews. Among Cyrus' advisors was the prophet Daniel, who foretold Babylon's downfall and later convinced Cyrus of the supremacy of God. His edict: allowed them to return to Zion; provided for the rebuilding of the Temple, at Persian treasury expense; ordered the return and restoration of gold and silver Temple vessels; and instituted a sort of united appeal among remaining Babylon Jews to subsidize the expected exodus. The Jews were thrilled. History has yet to see a more generous Gentile Zionist.

The Edict's administration was charged to Zerubabel, grandson of Judean prince Jehoiachin, who died in Babylonian exile. The Assyrian alphabet was also taken to Jerusalem — taken back, according to one rabbinic tradition — to replace the largely forgotten old Hebrew lettering.

Non-Jewish commentators have since speculated on Cyrus' interest in a minute politically insignificant component of his vast empire. Suggestions range from undue Jewish influence at court to a possible marriage to Zerubabel's sister.

Things soured. Tradition blames Cyrus for not being more forceful in encouraging aliya; no more than 50,000 set out — a small fraction of Babylonian Jewry. Their disproportionate economic depletion led him to discourage emigration altogether. His newly installed Mazdic priesthood zealously curtailed religious freedom in Babylon. Citing fear of possible rebellion, he allowed rebuilding of the Temple in wood, not stone; aged survivors of the first Temple wept at its diminished successor. He hindered the rebuilding itself, looking seriously into unfounded charges of revolt brought against the returnees by Samaritans and Arabs who had settled comfortably into Jewish lands, fields and homes.

Yet, Cyrus had given the Jews their chance. The concept of a messiah was broadened from an immediate descendant of the ruling House of David to any individual who rendered substantial aid. The fact that he was a non-Jew underscored for them the obvious: Cyrus was sent by God to do His will, however disappointed He became with Cyrus later.

MPs line up to greet her

Milgrom charms Parliament Hill

By
JANICE ARNOLD

OTTAWA —

Ida Milgrom smiled, laughed and occasionally cried with happiness throughout a fast-paced day on Parliament Hill. The tiny, white-haired elderly woman charmed everyone she met. MPs lined up to greet her and the media jostled for a position near her.

Her message was that, although she and her family have at last found freedom, the world should not forget the many others who still wish to leave the Soviet Union, especially those now on hunger strikes.

Wherever she went she profusely thanked the government and people of Canada for their compassion and help during the long years of her son Anatoly Scharansky's imprisonment. She urged everyone to continue to "raise their voices in defence" of those who have been refused exit visas or have been jailed for their activism.

She made a special plea for Lev and Inna Elbert of Kiev, Refuseniks since 1976, who are on a hunger strike and Natasha Khassina, a physicist whom she descibed as a courageous woman who continues to help the families of imprisoned dissidents despite harassment by the KGB.

At one point, speaking to wives of MPs about her 4-month-old granddaughter Rachel (daughter of Avital and Anatoly), Milgrom wiped a tear from her eyes, suddenly feeling "ashamed" of her joy when thousands in the Soviet Union are suffering.

Her day in Ottawa began with a warm welcome at Uplands airport by members of the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, the National Capital Council of Jewish Youth and the Federation of Reform Ottawa Senior Temple Youths, as well as representatives of the Ottawa Jewish community. She was presented with bouquets of flowers and a Canadian flag.

Milgrom was then whisked to Parliament Hill for a noontime meeting with Barbara McDougall, minister responsible for the status of women. Also attending the private meeting was Sharon Wolfe, a special assistant in the Prime Minister's Office.

According to Genya Intrator, who acted as her interpreter, Milgrom was very surprised to see a woman serving as a cabinet minister — a rarity in both the Soviet Union and Israel. Milgrom's amazement only grew when she was later introduced to Sheila Copps, the Liberal member from Hamilton, who continues to sit in the House of Commons in her advanced pregnancy.

Milgrom was the guest of Bill Attewell (PC-Don Valley East) at luncheon in the elegant parliamentary dining room. Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Group for Soviet Jewry, will be one of three MPs scheduled to visit Refuseniks in the Soviet Union in May. The others are Liberal Lucie Pepin and New Democrat Ernie Epp.

Sheila Finestone, the Liberal member for Mount Royal who met Milgrom in Moscow on another parliamentary trip a couple of years ago, also attended the lunch.

Other MPs who came by to greet Milgrom at lunch were New Democrats Lynn McDonald and Michael Cassidy, Liberal Sheila Copps and Senators Jacques Hebert, Lorna Marsden and Nathan Nurgitz.

Ida Milgrom with Barbara McDougall, federal minister responsible for the status of women. [Howard Kay photo]

At a "scrum" afterwards in the lobby outside the Commons, Milgrom was introduced to Liberals Herb Gray, David Berger, Doug Frith, Therese Killens and Robert Kaplan (who delighted her with a few words of Yiddish) and New Democrat Howard McCurdy and NDP party leader Ed Broadbent.

Attewell told reporters the Soviet Jewry parliamentary group "rejoiced in the release of her son (Scharansky), but will keep up the struggle until the Soviet Union really opens up the doors and thousands are allowed to leave. This is a labor of love for us." He added that External Affairs Minister Joe Clark will continue to "aggressively" press the Soviets on the Refusenik problem on a case by case basis.

Specifically, Attewell said he had written a letter to Clark on the Elbert family and that he would attempt to speak on the purpose of Milgrom's visit to Ottawa in the Commons the following day.

Milgrom's request of Canadians politicians was that they not be misled by the Soviet Union. "So far, we have seen no glasnost (openness). There are lots and lots of people waiting 10 or 15 years to leave. Some are on hunger strikes, but nobody is writing about them in the Soviet newspapers. Glasnost has to be created here."

Attewell added that the release of a few high-profile dissidents has been "a cruel public relations ploy" and not an indication of a real change in policy.

Milgrom's last stop was an informal get-together with some of the members of the Parliamentary Spouses Committee for Soviet Jewry. Present were Lucille Broadbent, Audrey King, Doreen Doody, Donna Marchand, Janet Foster, Margaret Stackhouse and Patricia Crofton — wives of MPs and senators.

Milgrom said groups like theirs are of "enormous importance" in lending moral support to Refuseniks and their families. "Ten years ago, when my son was arrested, I was filled with sorrow; I had a horrible feeling my life was finished.

"But this mood did not last long when I quickly found out that Anatoly had so many friends from every country. I understood you were with me. It gave me the stamina to go on and is the reason I am here alive today."

Anatoly's father was not so strong; he died in 1980 on Jan. 20 — his son's birthday, she said.

Milgrom asked the spouses not to relent. "Gorbachev has made some small steps, but you should not assume there has been liberalization."

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Editorial

The litmus test

After 40 years of prodding by Jewish constituencies and more than two years of investigation, the government of Canada via the Deschenes Commission has come to the not unexpected conclusion that there are, perhaps, war criminals in this country.

This gift for the obvious is hedged about, however, with all manner of circumspection in the report but the overwhelming volume of evidence forced commission researchers to that conclusion.

Among the major recommendations are the immediate prosecution of 20 suspected war criminals and the further investigation of 200 more. The Canadian Criminal Code will be amended, moreover, to provide the legal framework for prosecution.

The Deschenes brief does not recommend a U.S.-style investigation body; it favors the RCMP and the justice agencies for the work of ferreting out and prosecuting war criminals.

There are two disappointing features to the Deschenes Report. Article 4 in chapter 1 states: "Canadian policy on war crimes during that long period was not worse than that of several Western countries which displayed an equal lack of interest."

Surely it is not by the standards of others that Canada should judge its negligent behavior. The lowest common denominator is a disappointing standard to be used in self-examination.

The second aspect of the Report which is misdirected is the criticism leveled at certain individuals for their claims about the numbers of war criminals in Canada. The Report's defensive preoccupation with this issue suggests that it found exaggeration to be almost as serious a crime as wartime atrocities.

The fact is that sometimes exaggeration is necessary, if only to gain an audience for one's views. Four decades of polite demarches with the government of Canada produced no action whatsoever. Had it not been for the exaggerations in question the government of this country would never have moved on the issue.

We now look forward to the government's immediate prosecution of the 20 suspects. The speed with which the government moves in this regard will be the litmus paper test of its integrity.

Fractious debate

Of those Jews who are fortunate enough to leave the Soviet Union, 80% now opt to go to the United States instead of Israel.

Prime Minister Shamir, unhappy with this situation, has tried to remedy it by limiting that option: he has appealed to Secretary of State George Shultz to deny Soviet Jews special refugee status.

Soviet Jews would still, of course, have an opportunity to apply for entry into the United States but only after they have arrived in Israel.

The Israeli Premier is animated, quite correctly, by the perception that the special moral claim of Soviet Jews, "as opposed to all others who might wish to leave the Communist state, is their wish to be reunited with their people in the promised land."

When Soviet Jews come, in a disproportionate number, to the United States, rather than to Israel, that moral claim tends to be undermined.

It would, of course, be desirable that all Soviet Jews head for Israel once they leave the Soviet Union. In the real world, however, it is not possible to force people to go to a specific destination.

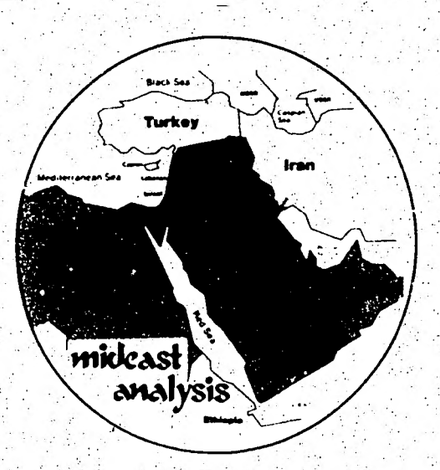
Soviet officials, moreover, are perfectly aware of the choices which Soviet Jews are making when they arrive in Vienna. The Soviets do not need to use this as a pretext for stopping Jewish emigration; this has never been an issue with the Soviets.

The status quo with regard to destination should, therefore, remain. Neither Israel nor the Diaspora has the right to dictate to Soviet Jews where they should go after they have arrived in the free world.

Jewish energies should not be consumed in a fractious debate over destination and dubious moral issues but rather in the task at hand — pressuring the Soviets to let all Jews who so desire, leave the Soviet Union.

Israel, Jordan take bold steps to joint rule

The West Bank condominium



By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir visits the Allenby Bridge, which connects Israel to Jordan. [IPPA photo]

More than a year has elapsed since King Hussein of Jordan, in a 3-hour nation-wide television broadcast, dropped a bombshell that may yet determine the future of the West Bank.

Last February, he announced that he had broken off a 12-month effort to devise a joint Middle East peace strategy with the PLO, saying that its leadership had proven to be an "untrustworthy" partner in the search for a negotiated settlement with Israel.

That diplomatic formula, which had been adopted by King Hussein and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in the winter of 1985, called for Israel's withdrawal from the occupied territories and the establishment of a Jordanian-Palestinian confederation in exchange for a "just and lasting" peace.

For all practical purposes, it was doomed from the start. Israel rejected it as dangerous to its security, while the PLO would not unreservedly accept United Nations Security Council resolution 242 — the basis of all attempts since the Six Day War to find a peaceful solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Needless to say, Israel was pleased by the collapse of King Hussein's partnership with Arafat: Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said that Jordan's decision had created a "historic opportunity" for the region.

Unwritten power-sharing agreement

What Rabin had in mind was an unwritten power-sharing agreement between Israel and Jordan for control of the West Bank, the faint outlines of which have emerged in the past year. No one knows whether it can actually work, since the PLO is vehemently against it. Given its vast influence among the 800,000 Palestinians of the West Bank, the PLO may yet wreck it. However, if Israel and Jordan can overcome PLO pressure, the West Bank may never be the same again.

The motives of each side are fairly clear.

•Israel wants to prevent the emergence of a PLO-controlled Palestinian state, to keep radical Palestinian nationalism in check, and to ensure that the West Bank remains accessible to Israeli military bases and Jewish settlers.

•Jordan seeks to develop an "alternative" conservative Palestinian leadership to the PLO, retain influence over the West Bank and prevent an inflow of Palestinians into the East Bank that could upset the fragile political and demographic balance there between the Palestinians and the Bedouins.

Ideally, King Hussein would like nothing better than a total Israeli withdrawal from the West Bank, allocated to the Palestinians under the never-implemented 1947 UN Palestine partition plan. But, being a realist, he understands that this simply is not in the cards, now or in the immediate future.

Since the breakdown of Jordan's negotiations with the PLO, both Jordan and Israel have taken bold steps to consolidate their de facto condominium over the West Bank.

•With the tacit approval of Israel, Jordan has announced a 5-year, $1.2 billion economic development plan for the West Bank whose ultimate objective is to encourage Palestinians not to leave the West Bank. It is strikingly similar to one suggested by Shimon Peres at the United Nations in 1986.

As envisaged by the Jordanians, the funds would be used for new housing, agriculture, education, salaries for officials and a deep-water port in the Gaza Strip that would enable West Bank Arabs to export their goods directly abroad without recourse to Israeli harbors or the Jordan River bridges.

Jordan plans to contribute more than $60 million to the scheme in 1987, a sum that represents almost 10% of its national budget. King Hussein wants to enlist the assistance of other Arab governments, hoping they will channel money into the plan through a now-dormant fund set up in 1978 for the welfare of the Palestinians on the West Bank. It remains to be seen whether they will defy the PLO and accede to his request.

Meanwhile, several non-Arab countries have expressed a practical interest in helping King Hussein.

The U.S., which has generally good relations with Jordan, has thrown in $7.5 million for starters. Last July, as Vice-President George Bush toured the Middle East, the Reagan administration said it would, for the first time, funnel through Jordan a portion of American development aid for Palestinians on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The U.S. also intends to finance the building of a road from Amman to the West Bank to make it easier for Palestinians to travel back and forth.

In essence, the Americans want to enhance the Palestinians' "quality of life" in the occupied areas — a goal that coincides with Israeli and Jordanian policy.

Britain has donated $3 million, admittedly a small amount, but Britain's fellow members in the European Economic Community may well follow its example.

•With Jordan's approval, Israel has appointed three pro-Jordanian Arab mayors to govern the towns of Hebron, Ramallah and El Bireh. They replaced Israeli military administrators who, in turn, took over from democratically-elected Arab mayors ousted in 1982.

Israel and Jordan are appealing to the hearts and minds of older, more conservative West Bank Arabs who would be satisfied with something less than a full-fledged Palestinian state and who do not necessarily view the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Rashad al-Shawa, the former mayor of Gaza, is the kind of Palestinian Jerusalem and Amman hope to win over. Shawa, widely regarded as the elder statesman of Palestinian politics and once a keen supporter of the PLO, has come out in favor of a confederation with Jordan and has chided the PLO for being unresponsive to the wishes of the Palestinians.

Shawa is a respected figure in the occupied areas, but he may be a symbol of the past.

More than half of the Palestinians on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip are under the age of 21 and many of them subscribe to the program of the PLO and are ill disposed toward Jordan.

Commitment to challenge the PLO

•With Israel's permission, Jordan has reopened a branch of the Cairo-Amman Bank, the first Arab bank to function in the occupied areas since 1967. It is expected to provide credit facilities for Palestinian businessmen. Under the agreement, the first between Jordan and Israel since 1949, the Bank of Jordan will supervise transactions in Jordanian dinars, while the Bank of Israel will supervise deals in other currencies.

•In a bid to promote Jordanian influence, Israel has deported a number of pro-PLO Palestinians, including Akram Haniyeh, the editor of an East Jerusalem daily. In the meantime, a new pro-Jordanian Arabic weekly is being published in Jerusalem.

Jordanian state television is broadcasting a new program specifically aimed at West Bank Palestinians. And Jordan is trying to set up chambers of commerce and other institutions to compete with existing organizations, which tend to follow a PLO line.

These efforts have not gone unnoticed by pro-PLO Palestinians. Writing in Al-Fajr recently, a commentator noted: "Never before in the last 19 years has Jordan been so active in attempts to reimpose its authority over the West Bank."

Israel is pleased by Jordan's commitment to challenge the PLO for supremacy, for it meshes perfectly with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres' ideas for letting the Palestinians run their own domestic affairs.

Time will tell whether the tacit alliance between Israel and Jordan on the West Bank can succeed.

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Opinion

Tunesmith finally getting the recognition he deserves

Everything still coming up roses for Jule Styne

By
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Do you mourn the fact that they don't write the kind of songs they used to — the kind that melt your heart away? Such as: I'll Walk Alone, I Guess I'll Hang My Tears Out To Dry, People, Time After Time, and I've Heard That Song Before.

One of the last links to that glorious melodic era is thankfully still with us. Everything is still coming up music for composer-producer Jule Styne, who has written 23 entries into the Broadway sweepstakes, including lilting scores for High Button Shoes, Two On The Aisle, Mr. Wonderful, Fade-Out Fade-In, Funny Girl, Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, Gypsy, and The Bells Are Ringing. And add to that the scores for 20 movies.

The most prolific and successful tunesmith on Broadway since World War II, Styne ranks alongside Jerome Kern, Cole Porter, Harold Arlen, Richard Rodgers and Irving Berlin as one of the most important composers in modern musical theatre. Thumbing through his hit songs is like taking a trip back through time. It's Magic, Everything's Coming Up Roses, It's Been A Long, Long Time, Make Someone Happy, and The Music That Makes Me Dance are melodic reminders of his brimming 1,800-song repertoire.

Styne talked to me recently about his colorful show business career in his office located over the backstage entrance of the Mark Hellinger Theatre in New York City. Directing traffic was his longtime assistant (and "office wife"), Dorothy Dicker. The cozy triangular office was surrounded by mementos of a crammed lifetime. Short, stocky and peppier than a rookie ball player, Styne has a style that is Damon Runyon contemporary. His crackling humor and direct unphony approach were entirely refreshing.

This creative genius began life 81 years ago. Born in London's east-end ghetto to Orthodox Jewish immigrant parents, he grew up in a home filled with cantorial and classical music. His addiction to the greasepaint world didn't take long to surface. At age 3 he bounded on the stage of the Hippodrome and sang a duet with Sir Harry Lauder, the Scottish entertainer.

When he was 8 Jule moved with his family to Chicago, where the precocious youth showed unusual pianistic talents. "At 8½ years of age I won a scholarship, and at 9 I was guest soloist with the Chicago Symphony."

Dipping into the past, Styne said: "My father wasn't exactly thrilled over my success as a songwriter. He would say: 'I never paid for you to be a composer. I paid for you to be a concert pianist.' He would tell people, 'You ought to have heard him play when he was 8.' Then he'd say: 'Play something I can like.' "

Styne lost the sense of touch of an index finger after a serious accident and it was then that his interest moved seriously toward popular music. He played piano in Ben Pollack's orchestra that included Benny Goodman, Glen Miller, and other jazz immortals, following which he organized his own jazz band.

It was the age of speakeasies, bootlegging and mob rule, and Chicago was wild. "Listen, whatever music I write, whatever musical intuition I have, it was all made in Chicago. I've drawn on Chicago for show after show. There was Louis Armstrong, Jack Teagarden, Eddie Condon, Harry James, Gene Krupa,

Gerry Morris in caricature by Al Hirschfeld.

Muggsy Spanier, Bix Beiderbeck, Earl Hines, George Wettling and Charlie Spivak. Never before and never since has so much musical talent been gathered in any one spot on earth at any one period. God, it was a feast."

A move to Hollywood brought a job at 20th Century Fox as vocal coach for Alice Faye, Tony Martin and Shirley Temple ("she was tough as nails, stamina of a steam engine"). He then landed a job at Republic Pictures writing for Roy Rogers and Gene Autry. "I wrote five or six songs for each picture. I wrote country and western music. I wrote music for cattle and mules and pigs and dogs. I did just about everything I was asked to do."

In the 30s and 40s he churned out a raft of movie credits, pairing most notably with the talented and irrepressible lyricist, Sammy Cahn (many of their songs were written for Frank Sinatra). In 1948 they parted, but were reunited long enough to win the 1954 Academy Award for Three Coins In The Fountain. "I've had a lot of great fun with Sammy. We had fights, we hated each other, we made up. Now we're good friends."

Asked why theatre has always been his foremost passion, he matter-of-factly responds: "I found it a free medium where I could write what I wanted to write. In Hollywood you were a songwriter, but in New York you were a composer."

Styne and Cahn first invaded Broadway theatre in 1947 with the smash success High Button Shoes (Papa Won't You Dance With Me, I Still Get Jealous). Highlights of his career include his teaming with lyricist Leo Robin for Gentlemen Prefer Blondes, which made a star of saucer-eyed Carol Channing. The Bells Are Ringing was another towering home run for Styne — this time he was wedded to lyric and book writers Comden and Green. "When Judy Holliday sang The Party's Over, you wanted to cry," Styne said wistfully. "She was one of our greatest clowns. She had a real Chaplinesque quality."

About this time Styne's crippling obsession with gambling found him dancing on the proverbial edge. He was a well known big-stakes horse player of long and ignoble vintage. According to Theodore Taylor's let-it-all hang out memoir *Jule*, Harry Crane, a friend, once suggested to Styne that he should go to see a psychiatrist who might cure him of his gambling. Several days later, according to Crane: "I saw him and asked 'Did you see the shrink?' Jule then answered 'Well, I went to his office but I didn't go in.' 'Why?' I asked. 'I saw the hours posted on his door, 9-5, and I didn't like the odds so I didn't go in.' "

The racing form is no longer his favorite form of reference. "I just slip across the street occasionally to bet six bucks across the board at the Off-Track Betting Shop," he said with a mischievous twinkle in his eye. He may not have made the winner's circle very often at the track but he sure paraded some great entries on Broadway which, in the 50s and 60s, continued to break the tape ahead of the field.

Gypsy was the crowning achievement of Styne's career — a lovingly crafted work of art which proved that Jule Styne was a dramatic composer on par with Broadway's best. (Everything's Coming Up Roses, Together, Some People, Small World, You'll Never Get Away From Me, All I Need Now Is The Girl, Rose's Turn.) He noted exuberantly: "When the trumpet player started playing the strip-tease music the audience went crazy. We were a hit even before the curtain went up. The overture established a mood that captivated the audience."

"Barbra Streisand," he went on, "was born for her part in Funny Girl, the score made her, and what a score," he exclaimed. (People, Don't Rain On My Parade, Music That Makes Me Dance, Sadie, Sadie, I'm The Biggest Star, You Are Woman, (lyrics by Bob Merrill).) "It's a powerful score," he repeated, proudly unencumbered by false modesty.

He also waxes eloquent about Lou Jacobi's talent (a Toronto boy who made good in New York and Hollywood in a big, big way). Jacobi starred with Carol Burnett in Jule Styne's successful 1965 musical Fade-Out Fade-In. Styne reflected: "Lou is a wonderful artist — a complete professional. There isn't anything he can't do. A tasty guy and highly intelligent too. You know, whatever show he's in he brings it right up. I loved him so much I gave him an extra song in Fade-Out."

There were lesser successes and of course the inevitable flops now and then. "What was the best advice you ever received about writing for Broadway?" I asked. He answered unhesitatingly, "If you fail, close your eyes and say one word: 'next.' "

In 1962 he married British-born Margaret Brown (30 years his junior), a former international model. They have a boy and a girl, ages 22 and 18. Styne has two older sons from a former marriage. When his first wife went to court for the divorce she told the judge, "I have become a living example of Jule's song I'll Walk Alone."

What was his greatest thrill on the musical stage? "Opening night of Gypsy in England," he said with a broad beam. "It was one of the most terrific nights in London theatre. Angela Lansbury took 11 curtain calls and on the last one she calmed everyone down and said: 'This evening doesn't belong to me. It belongs to Arthur Laurents (author), Stephen Sondheim (lyricist) and Jule Styne.' The audience stood up and we came forward to the stage and took our bows." He smiled and said: "You know, the English are so respectful of their creative people."

What was his biggest goof as a producer? "I had Neil Simon's first play, only my partner — who I had just gone into business with — told Simon it was a little too Jewish and Neil got angry and took the play away. Hmm, imagine," he said, smiling ruefully, "I would have had all of Neil Simon's plays."

"Don't you feel there are too many unqualified songwriters out there?" I asked. He bluntly retorted: "We're living in a world of unprofessionalism. Now everybody writes songs. My tailor writes songs — I don't make clothes but he writes songs."

"You have said Sinatra, Streisand and Jerome Robbins were the best. How would you define their very special gifts — their Babe Ruth and Ted Williams quality?. "Well," he said, "that's a very good description. They are three of the best hitters and fielders in the game, and possess the most important thing that anybody has, whether you are a baseball player, composer, actor or singer — that's a thing called intuition. When Streisand bends a note, that's how she feels. When Sinatra sings a song his emotions intuitively tell him what is right. He instinctively knows what's the right orchestration and tempo. Same with the intuitive eye of director Jerome Robbins. He knows how to put a production all together in his mind in one piece."

Styne has strong opinions about everything, including today's producers and critics. "We lack good producers. The money people have taken over production. They don't respect the past — or the people whose work built it all. Theatre owners have become the mavens. What we need are some good old-fashioned creative producers with vision, who can find, develop and nurture American properties. The amateurs only know a pre-sold finished product. So what do they do?" They go to England and pick up a finished show. A producer is like a coach on a football team. He pats the player on the back and sends them out there and says: 'Be careful, correct that.' There's no correcting today. The new mavens don't have the time or the knowledge. Same with critics. They want to be too arty. They don't want to be old-fashioned. We also need some good old-fashioned critics."

Now, as he nears his 82nd birthday, the feisty composer is finally getting the recognition he deserves. He is still warmed by the glow of the spectacular star-studded tribute held on March 2 at Avery Fisher Hall in New York. In addition a 2-hour special honoring his top-ranking achievements appeared on PBS this week. "All of this is very emotional for me," he said, brushing away some sentiment. "Just think, hearing 50 years of your work played back in two hours."

Although Styne's beautiful standards continue to ride proudly along, he is not one to sit on his ASCAP royalties and sing old songs. He much prefers writing new ones. He will be back on the boards next season with The Bar Mitzvah Boy, and a musical version based on Treasure Island called Pieces Of Eight.

To quote conductor-composer, Morton Gould, at the Avery Fisher Hall tribute: "As long as we are playing Jule Styne music, the party is far from over."

Jule Styne

New York court rules coercion over get improper

By
MARGIE OLSTER

NEW YORK (JTA) —

The New York Supreme Court Appellate Division ruled last week that an agreement in which a spouse threatened to withhold or indeed withholds a Jewish religious divorce to pressure a partner into financial concessions is subject to review and revision in court.

The decision reversed a ruling by the Supreme Court of New York County not to recognize Chana Perl's claim that she was coerced into giving her ex-husband $350,000 worth of cash and assets under his threat of withholding the religious divorce, or get. The agreement was made after the Perls, who are Orthodox Jews, had divorced under civil law.

According to Jewish law, a divorced women cannot remarry without a get, and any children by the couple would be considered illegitimate. A civil court cannot order a man to give his wife a get, and Jewish scholars have noted that get-coercion is not uncommon.

Mrs. Perl claimed her ex-husband forced her to relinquish her interest in their home, her car, her personal jewelry and more than $70,000 in cash, checks and securities.

She had agreed to relinquish the money and assets in an oral statement in civil court which stipulated that Mr. Perl would be obliged to give her a get within 10 days. He gave the get shortly thereafter, but Mrs. Perl stopped payment on checks worth $34,000, claiming she had been coerced into signing the agreement under his threat of withholding the get.

Mr. Perl then sued to collect payment on the $34,000. The lower court dismissed Mrs. Perl's defence of duress and coercion and her counterclaims. In one counterclaim, she asked for a complete renegotiation of all the properties and money involved. The court ordered Mrs. Perl to pay the $34,000.

Although the lower court found both parties had entered into the agreement freely, the appellate court recognized "the unequal allocation of power between spouses to terminate a religious marriage — particularly where the partners are of the Jewish faith. . . ."

The appellate court ordered a trial on both parties' claims and counterclaims. The trial will decide if Mrs. Perl is entitled to recover all or part of the properties negotiated in the first agreement.

Mrs. Perl's attorney, David Stern, said the ruling "is the first declaration of its kind by an appellate court that the get is not a proper part of property settlements between divorcing religious spouses. It shows that the court frowns upon bringing the get issue into settlements."

Opinion

Effort to burnish image, win influence on Capitol Hill

Arab Americans put lobby efforts into high gear

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Once known as a silent minority, Arabs in the U.S. have awakened from their slumber.

Until not too long ago, Americans of Arab descent were an exceedingly unobtrusive element in the American melting pot. Today, things are different. No longer so meek, they have organized themselves to combat what they consider to be pervasive stereotypes about Arabs and to work for what they believe would be a more balanced U.S. policy in the Middle East.

"We (were) the last minority to stand up for our rights," James Zogby, a leading Arab American political activist, is quoted as saying in The Wall Street Journal. "The Blacks have done it, the Jews have done it, the Hispanics have done it, but the Arab Americans haven't — until now."

The effort by Arab Americans to burnish their image and to win influence on Capitol Hill has not gone unnoticed by their enemies.

People who view these developments negatively have lashed out violently.

•On Oct. 11, 1985, a bomb demolished the West Coast headquarters of the Arab-American Anti-Discrimination Committee in Santa Ana, Calif., killing its director, 41-year-old Alex Odeh.

•On Nov. 29 of the same year, ADC's offices in Washington were destroyed by fire, causing $500,000 in damages.

•On June 16, 1986, the Washington office of the United Palestine Appeal, a tax-exempt, charitable organization, was firebombed.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation, which is handling all three cases, has no substantive leads so far. But it claims that certain "Jewish extremist elements," namely the Jewish Defence League, may have been involved in the first two, and that the perpetrators may well have planted the explosive device that killed a suspected Nazi war criminal, Tscherim Soobzakov, in Paterson, New Jersey on Aug. 15, 1986.

Odeh was assassinated in the wake of the Achille Lauro incident, during which Leon Klinghoffer, an American Jew, was slain by the abductors. Israel linked the hijacking to the PLO and its chairman, Yasser Arafat. Odeh maintained that the news media had mistakenly associated the PLO with it. Soon afterward, a bomb killed him.

Irv Rubin, chairman of the JDL, denied responsibility for the bombing but praised the action. "Odeh appeared on television to whitewash the PLO murder of Klinghoffer," he charged. "No Jew or American should shed one tear for the destruction of a PLO front in Santa Ana or anywhere else in the world." By contrast, mainstream Jewish organizations harshly condemned the bombing, with the American Jewish Committee describing it as an "inexcusable act of terrorism."

The FBI, which is giving these unsolved cases "top priority," has warned Arab Americans to be vigilant. At an extraordinary press conference, William Webster, the FBI director, declared that they had entered a "zone of danger" and were targets of violence by a group seeking to harm "enemies of Israel."

A decade ago, Arab Americans were in no such danger and a statement like Webster's would have been inconceivable. But times, obviously, have changed.

Arab immigrants who surged into America from the late 19th century until the creation of the State of Israel were mainly apolitical Syrian and Lebanese Christians, farmers and merchants who had no real interest in calling attention to themselves. Since 1948, many more have been Moslems, particularly politically-conscious Palestinians.

William Webster

It did not, however, take the Palestinians long to galvanize Arab Americans into political action. Observers agree that Israel's smashing victory in the Six Day War, together with the events that followed, prompted Arabs in the U.S. to become far more aware of their historic roots and their cultural identity.

Arab Americans have expressed their collective will through national organizations, all of which were formed since the Six Day War.

The major ones are the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) and the National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA). Established on the basis of grassroots support, they are modeled after the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League and the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, respectively. The creation of the United Palestine Appeal was no doubt inspired by the existence of the United Jewish Appeal.

Lesser-known groups include the Association of Arab American University Graduates and the American Federation of of Ramallah, Palestine.

The ADC was formed by James Abourezk, a former senator from North Dakota, to counter anti-Arab sentiment in the U.S., reinforced by the 1972 Munich Olympic massacre, the 1973-74 Arab oil embargo (when editorial cartoonists depicted Arabs as pigs or hook-nosed misers), and the 1978 Abscam (Arab Scam) operation, during which FBI agents, disguised as oil-rich sheikhs from Oman and Lebanon, offered bribes to congressmen in return for political favors.

Despite repeated attempts by ADC to fight stereotyping, Arab Americans are still often portrayed by the media in a poor light. "Television is full of Arab baddies — billionaires, bombers and belly dancers," writes Jack Shaheen in *The TV Arab*. "Television tends to perpetuate four basic myths about Arabs," he adds. "They are all fabulously wealthy; they are barbaric and uncultured; they are sex maniacs with a penchant for white slavery; and they revel in acts of terrorism. These notions are as false as the assertions that Blacks are lazy, Hispanics are dirty, Jews are greedy and Italians are criminals."

Alex Odeh

John Cardinal O'Connor, who recently completed a tour of the Middle East, alluded to this problem in a comment from Tel Aviv. As he put it: "I feel we have a stereotype in the U.S. for the Arab and Palestinian. If you use either term, many people see terrorists."

The stereotyping which affects Arab Americans took a decidedly nasty turn several months ago when a British rock band, The Cure, produced an album entitled Killing An Arab.

The song itself was not anti-Arab. But the title, meant to be ironical, naturally shocked the ADC.

A compromise was worked out and stickers were placed on album, cassette, compact-disk and video-cassette packages that read: "The song Killing An Arab has absolutely no racist overtones whatsoever. It is a song that decries the existence of all prejudice and consequent violence. The Cure condemn its use in furthering anti-Arab feeling."

In addition to such anti-defamation activities, the ADC is engaged in purely political work. For example: In 1985, it bought a full-page ad in The Washington Post questioning the Reagan administration's allocation of foreign aid to Israel.

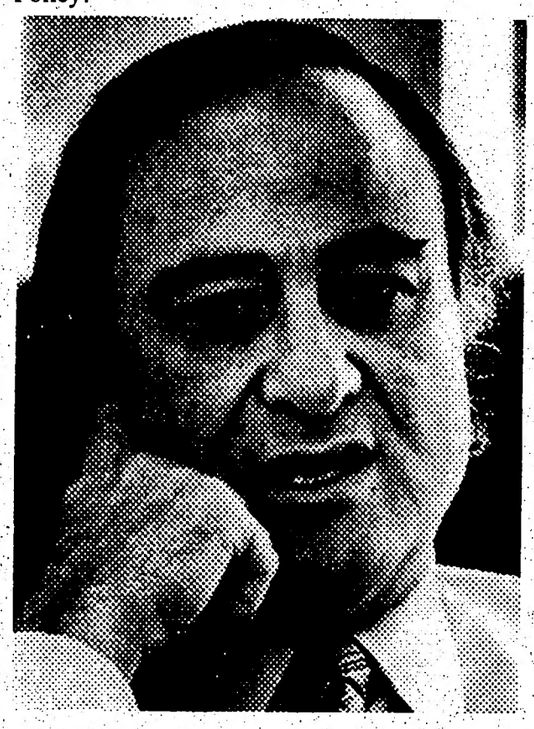
"Should Congress give away almost $5 billion each year for one country's military buildup while older Americans worry about their future?" the ad declared

Another ad, which also ran in The Post, linked U.S. assistance to Israel with the current farm crisis (which, incidentally, has spawned outbursts of anti-semitism.) One paragraph in the copy read: "And now, while millions of American farmers face bankruptcy, Israel is asking for almost $14 million a day in foreign aid; not as a loan, but as a gift."

Ads such as these are intended to counter the enormous power exerted by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) on Capitol Hill. AIPAC is usually adept enough to deflect pro-Arab influence. But in 1985, as a direct result of an NAAA campaign, AIPAC lost an important battle on Capitol Hill when Rep. Clarence Long, one of Israel's best friends in Congress, was defeated.

David Saad, NAAA's executive director, told The Jewish Monthly that Long's ouster was "a benchmark in the developing Arab American ability to affect political change."

In general, two "paramount objectives dominate the political agenda for Arab Americans in the 1980s," writes Saad in Foreign Policy.



James Abourezk

The first is the achievement of a just and comprehensive peace in the Middle East whose major components are self-determination for both the Palestinians and the Israelis in independent and sovereign states. Saad believes that the PLO "is the legitimate, chosen representative of the Palestinian people."

The second goal combines improvement of U.S.-Arab relations with a decrease of American aid to Israel.

The willingness of Arab Americans to openly criticize U.S. Middle Eastern policy coincides with their greater participation in the U.S. political process.

There are now more Arab Americans in the House of Representatives and in the Senate than ever before. Furthermore, Arab Americans held key positions in the 1984 presidential race. George Mitchell, a senator from Maine, and Rose Oakar, a representative from Ohio, were vice-chairpersons of Walter Mondale's campaign. James Zogby, now head of the Arab American Political Project, was vice-chairman of Jesse Jackson's campaign. In the Republican camp, a man named George Salem managed Ethnic Voters for Reagan-Bush.

According to James Abourezk, 1984 "marked the peak of (Arab) participation" in U.S. politics. And it would surprise no one if a larger number of Arab Americans take part in next year's presidential campaign.

The question, of course, is whether they can match the influence of the pro-Israel lobby in Washington.

Probably not.

There are fewer Arab Americans, and they simply do not command the resources of U.S. Jewry. More important, there are no signs on the horizon that the U.S. will downgrade its special relationship with Israel, the Pollard scandal notwithstanding.

Still, Arab Americans have come a long way politically in a short period of time. And they are working hard to consolidate their gains.

It understands my secret sorrow

For me, home is where my desk is

By
ELAINE KAHN

This house is the 9th residence I've lived in since leaving my parent's home for university a little over 15 year's ago. You can imagine then that the concept of "home" has had, unfortunately, little meaning for me for too long a time — at least in the conventional sense. For me, home is where my desk is.

My desk and I have been an item for years — no one is even allowed to sit by it without my permission, let alone play with its chatchkes. It's gone everywhere with me, except to my university dorm, which may explain my marks that year. Certainly a case could be made for saying there is something screwy about a person who, coming in at night, rushes to her desk before embracing her children — but hey, nobody's perfect.

Contrary to family legend, I do not feed my desk, nor does it have a name, nor do I talk to it except on our birthday. It will be 18 in April and has aged far less than I have since getting it from my parents as a 16th birthday present. My choice at the time was the desk or a sweet sixteen party. Since I knew I'd die of mortification with a sweet sixteen, which was then hopelessly passe, I took the desk.

My mother was happy with my choice, somehow figuring a desk was something a writer might need. Neither she nor I foresaw the word processor revolution.

My desk is big-boned, but short and flatchested. I don't write on it anymore at all, except the occasional handwritten letter, when I want to risk it — a friend recently sent such a letter back, unable to read a word of my scrawl, and ordered me to type it on the computer and mail it out again.

My first most favorite thing about my desk is its beautiful eyes. My second is the big drawer second down on the right that is, has been, and is to be my stationery drawer. My latest acquisition for it was stationery with dinosaurs on it.

No, this does not reflect any passion for fashion, though I have to admit I bought it in Manhattan about 10 days before news of dinosaur mania hit the Canadian media. Rather, the purchase relates to the heretofore secret sorrow I have shared with only my desk and several dozen of my closest friends: I am addicted to writing letters. I write hundreds every year to friends and relatives worldwide, most of whom would rather be held prisoner at a "Beverley Hillbillies" festival while being forcefed beets than reply.

My desk understands. It didn't laugh when it heard I spent most of my time at a trip to the Israel Museum four years ago studying a modern letterhead exhibit (the only thing I bought myself that trip was a letter opener). It didn't laugh last week when I checked the mailbox at 10 p.m. — and again at 11 — because I simply wouldn't believe I got nothing that day. It may have chuckled a bit when I sank into a 2-week depression at losing my favorite Parker with the wide nib, only to have my husband find it and saunter up to the desk crying, "look boss, da pen! da pen!"

I, you see, am the dinosaur.

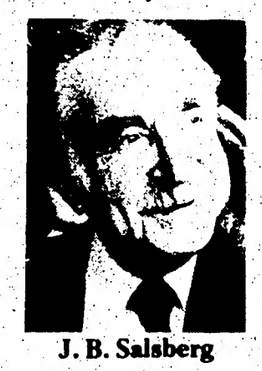
Opinion

Worst of Israel's recent "scandals"

Shamir, Peres clash over paths to peace

By
J. B. SALSBERG

Last week I enumerated some of the political "scandals," or "parshes," that disturb Israeli society at present. Unfortunately I ran out of space and must, therefore, return to that disturbing subject again.



J. B. Salsberg

In doing so your humble servant presumes that he doesn't need to repeat the specific meanings of the scandal, or parshe terms have in their specific Israeli context. After all, **our** readers don't need it; **they** not only understand but they also remember.

This week I want to concentrate on, what I think to be, the parshe that is, in the long run, the most vital of all the parshes or scandals that face the Israeli public and world Jewry at present. It emanates from Israel's overriding need for peace with its Arab neighbors. One might even say that this objective is Israel's rendezvous with history.

It is, therefore, sad to state that Israel's latest parshe broke out as a result of Israel's present Prime Minister's public disagreement with his foreign minister's efforts to chart a path to peace.

The scandal was quickly defused, so as not to endanger the life of the coalition government, which was fashioned after the last election revealed an evenly divided country.

But the issue itself remains and will not long be suppressed.

What has happened is that the two conflicting approaches to the paramount issue of peace — that of Israel's Labor Party, led by Shimon Peres, and that of the Herut (Revisionist) party, led by Yitzhak Shamir, have broken out in the open. This occurred after Peres' visit to Cairo, where he arrived at some general understanding with Hosni Mubarak, the president of Egypt, the largest Arab country and the only Arab state that is at peace with Israel.

That political differences exist in all coalition governments, everywhere, goes without saying. But a Prime Minister's public rejection of his foreign minister's arrangements would, elsewhere, lead to either ministerial resignations or to a dissolution of the coalition government itself. But this did not happen in Israel. The crisis was not resolved; it was postponed.

Essentially the differences are between a sterile and dead-end policy of refusing to give up "a single foot" of ancient biblical Israel and one that is (in my view, at least), prepared to face reality and make, if necessary, territorial concessions in return for a genuine and lasting peace. In addition, I share the view of those who foresee, in the Shamir policy, either a disenfranchised Arab majority in the near future (if not allowed to vote for or to sit in the Knesset), or an Arabized Israel (if the franchise is universal). Neither is desirable nor workable.

While that fundamental difference exists between the two political blocs — the main partners in the coalition — I am, however, also inclined to believe that there are minorities in each bloc who share the views of the coalition partner rather than those of their own leadership. Here is an example:

As soon as Peres' plan (generally agreed to by Egypt, the U.S. and most European countries) became known, Mr. Shamir, the PM, stated publicly that he will not "surrender a single foot of Israeli soil for peace." But less than three days later Shamir also said: "My opposition to the exchange of territory for peace is not my last word."

His own followers were so shocked by Shamir's second statement that some of them asked publicly for clarifications.

Has he deserted the time-honored position of the Revisionist movement? I don't think so. After all, Shamir voted in the Knesset against the Camp David Accord, which was hammered out by Menachem Begin and Egypt's Anwar Sadat. Shamir also voted against the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt, presented for approval by the same leader of his party — Menachem Begin. Yes . . . Shamir's hard line convictions are well known.

But his public dissociation from his government's foreign minister **was** a scandal. That scandal hurriedly moved from the political kitchen into a corner. But the differences remain and the future of Israel will be determined by the manner in which they will be resolved.

It's a crucial matter — far more important than the maintenance of the coalition.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters are welcome if they are in English or French, no more than 250 words, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and handwritten signature.

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PULLS GRAYBEARD, GRABS PR

Re M. L. Maydor's Feb. 26 letter headed "Graybeards grab for freebies":

I'm surprised that you published the coarse, vulgar, degrading and demeaning insults to the elderly by this publicity-grabber.

By labeling the Association of Jewish Seniors as shnorrers, the author, in his ignorance, labels all seniors as such. The protest against the proposed Drug Patent Act is not only on behalf of senior citizens, but indeed, on behalf of all Canadians.

Furthermore, seniors admittedly get free drug benefits; so they are not asking anything for themselves.

Mador portrays the seniors as grabbers of undeserving charity while raking in money from their real estate, investment and business interests.

The truth is, according to Statistics Canada, that the combined maximum income from all old age benefits and supplements for Ontario single pensioners in 1986 was more than $2,000 below the established poverty line.

Harry Fields
Toronto

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HITS "ME GENERATION" KID

I pose this question to your reader who has the temerity to call my generation gray-haired shnorrers:

After years of suffering through the Depression and war, working hard, paying our fair share of taxes, and enducating our kids to be *menschen*, why should we let this example of the "Me Generation" sit in judgment on our weary old seniors?

Pearl Miller
Toronto

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DON'T SLAM ARAB SONG

Re your Feb. 5 letter from R. R. Kneider, publisher of the Montreal Arab World Review, headed "Arab publisher lauds us":

I'm angry to read that both Kneider and your paper condemn the song *Killing An Arab* by the rock group, The Cure.

The song, which mentions the controversial line three times as part of the refrain, is based entirely on Albert Camus' great existential novel, *L'Etranger*.

Meurseault, the protagonist, has a revelation as he kills an Arab antagonist on a beach in Tunisia, where the novel takes place. As literary students know, this is the novel's climax, the point where Camus' philosophies begin to come into focus through his protagonist.

The Cure is a group of extremely talented lyricists and musicians, with a pure artistic integrity that is rarely found these days. *Killing an Arab* was in no way meant to be a slur on the Arab people. If the man Meurseault murdered had been an Irishman or a Jew, the song would have been written accordingly.

The song was written in 1980, but only now is it provoking righteous indignance, since — unfortunately — Arab-bashing is coming to vogue, thanks to those ignorants who see them only as terrorists and bloodthirsty radicals.

Attacking *Killing an Arab* for its title can be compared, in part, to slamming Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice* for his characterization of Shylock as the stereotypical greedy Jew.

Let us not condemn art (meaningful art, not propaganda) for forcing some of us to acknowledge frail human perceptions gone awry.

Mitchell Albert
Montreal

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RABBIS "DEROGATORY"

On behalf of the board of trustees and the membership of Holy Blossom Temple, I write to express our sadness at the remarks of the Chief Rabbis of Israel (CJN, Feb. 26) and our appreciation for your thoughtful editorial (CJN, March 5).

We have no doubt that the vast majority of Jews across Canada share the distress of Reform Jews arising out of these pronouncements.

At a time when this congregation, together with its sister congregations across Canada, is making renewed efforts to promote Jewish unity — as reflected in the series of lectures currently taking place at Holy Blossom — it is especially important that the leaders of Canadian Orthodoxy openly state their clear repudiation of the comments made by the two Chief Rabbis.

We would like to think that our friends, both lay and rabbinic, in the various Orthodox congregations, will not wish to be associated with the untrue, derogatory and inflammatory statements made against Reform Judaism.

Frederick H. Zemans
President
Holy Blossom Temple
Toronto.

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KUDOS FOR NEWS COVERAGE

The coverage of the Hadassah-WIZO AVIV Conference by The Canadian Jewish News was excellent. Thank you for your support and contribution to an extremely successful weekend.

Taube Zeifman
Chairman
Aviv Conference
Toronto

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COLLEGE DON'S HISTORY AWRY

Re Arthur Kruger's March 5 article headed "We can't control Israel from the outside":

He misses two points entirely.

To question the legitimacy of Zionism since 1948 is to misunderstand the very definition of Zionism — a concept which originated long before Herzl, and which is almost as old as Judaism itself.

Zionism is not merely a contemporary political phenomenon; it is a philosophy without which Judaism would lose its messianic face.

To imply that Zionism should have disappeared after the establishment of the State of Israel is tantamount to Americans abandoning their republican ideals in 1777.

Kruger also errs in his assumption that Jews who live outside Israel should not be involved in Zionist affairs. Both populations are intimately related in every respect, save citizenship — a condition which appears not to bother Catholics and Buddhists, among others.

Anyone who has walked even casually through the pages of Jewish history knows how misinformed are Kruger's remarks. Kruger is described as principal of a college at the University of Toronto. His academic discipline is not mentioned. One hopes sincerely that it is not history.

Menahem Dunsky
Montreal

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SKELETON OUT OF CLOSET

Your March 5 article, "Helping the handicapped aim of AJCS meet," is an aim whose time is long overdue.

Being a single parent of a mentally handicapped young adult, my reaction to a commitment to meet the needs of the handicapped is cautiously optimistic.

I fully support the arduous work of young parents to lift this darkest skeleton from the darkest closet and bring it out in the open.

Preserving the Jewish character, honesty, decency and concern for the unfortunate in our society are the ethical and social teachings of the Torah.

The hierarchy of Allied Jewish Community Services cannot ignore this philosophy, it must adhere to it!

Martha Klein
Montreal

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SEEK HOLOCAUST WITNESSES

I received a letter from Israel regarding an elderly couple, formerly from Russia, who are looking for witnesses who were with them in Mogilov. I think it is in the Ukraine.

Both of them are sick and could receive reparations from Germany if they could find witnesses that were with them at the time of occupation.

The name of the couple is Marco Shtreicher and his wife Anna Stroll Shtreicher. He is blind and some money would help them.

Their address in Israel is: 3 Yehuda Hanasi St., Apt. 8. Ramat Gan 52376.

Sara Rosenfeld
Director
National Holocaust Remembrance Committee
Montreal

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PEACE NOW GROUP DUPED

The March 5 CJN report of a conference in New York City sponsored by Friends of Peace Now seemed to sympathize with the lack of realism exhibited by that organization.

According to your reporter, the Palestinian editors who took part in the conference used it as a forum for PLO propaganda.

The PLO is currently attempting to rebuild its military position in Lebanon, and is taking credit for periodic terrorist attacks against Israel.

The PLO is also using all of its resources to prevent an accommodation between Israel and Jordan.

It is an interesting pyschological question to ask why some Israeli and other Jewish academics seem compelled to lend themselves to manipulation by the PLO propaganda apparatus.

The Jewish people cannot afford the dubious moral luxury of appeasement.

Morton Manilla
Toronto

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DIETRICH'S DIRECTOR JEWISH

I notice that the recent documentary film on Marlene Dietrich states that she was discovered by the director; Josef von Sternberg. To settle an argument, was von Sternberg Jewish?

Rose Sternberg
Toronto

Editor's note: Yes, he was. The Viennese-born Sternberg (the "von" was a Hollywood addition) cast the then unknown, rather overly plump Marlene Dietrich in the leading role of a sullen floozy in the German Ufa Company's first 1930 talking picture, The Blue Angel. It made cinema history. He also directed her in Dietrich's six following films made in Hollywood. He was also famous for making Paramount's dark-atmosphered "cinema noir" gangster movies, such as Underworld. Before his death in 1969, he wrote his autobiography titled Fun In A Chinese Laundry.

Director Josef von Sternberg, discoverer of Marlene Dietrich, was a Viennese-born Jew.

World-National

Lev Elbert admits health problems but says:

"Hunger strike only way for us to fight back"

By
WENDY ROSEN

TORONTO —
We'll survive.

That was Soviet hunger striker Lev Elbert's response to questions regarding his health and that of his wife, Inna.

In a recent conversation with Genya Intrator, chairman of the Inter-Religious Task Force on Human Rights, he refused at first to answer any health-related questions but later confirmed that his wife does have a liver condition stemming from her 53-day hunger strike in 1983 (CJN March 19).

Elbert also told Intrator that he himself has a retina dysfunction as well as myocardial ischemia, a lack of blood or oxygen supply to the heart muscle. One Toronto cardiologist says the condition usually but not always means narrowing of the blood vessels to the heart and could lead to a heart attack. Any stressful situation could aggravate the condition, he said, adding that most people with the condition are on medication.

The hunger striker said that both he and his wife, who is a cardiologist, were examined by their doctor prior to beginning the fast and he was told his heart problem was "so-so."

"My wife has a liver condition, is in frail health and not very robust constitution but we have a 16-year-old son who'll be drafted in two years and we live in the Ukraine."

(It is Elbert's contention, supported by documents received by The CJN, that his army service is the reason why he has been refused an exit visa.)

"We are with our backs to the wall ... the only possible way for us to fight back is by this (hunger strike) ... it's the only means we have because all the appeals I have been sending to different officials in Kiev and Moscow ... up until now there's been no answer which is absolutely against government policy."

He explained that according to law, an answer must be given within a month or in an emergency, within 10 days.

"It should be insisted that this is a contravention of the central authorities' command by the Ukrainian authorities."

Intrator explained that the Ukraine has its own representative at the United Nations in New York and in some ways tries to act independently.

Elbert told her he visited a Mr. Makarov, the deputy director of consular affairs at the ministry for foreign affairs, in Moscow who said that Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze was away and the matter would be brought to his attention when he returned.

The Refusenik said Makarov appeared to be quite shocked when told that he possessed a document which stated he had not been privy to secret information stemming from his army service in a construction battalion in 1973-74. He was demobilized in 1975.

Makarov told Elbert he will see what he can do.

At this point in the conversation, Elbert suggested Intrator call Makarov directly on his behalf.

Her call to the Soviet official went through to him without being screened by a secretary, which she said was part of the new style for government officials — "they now have to talk to people where in the past you were not usually able to."

Makarov told Intrator in English that Elberts' appeal had been sent "to the proper authorities. His case will be looked into and he will receive an answer in due course."

The Elberts' are seeking reunification for themselves, son Carmi and Lev's brother Michael with Inna's mother and brother, Kira and Dr. Alexander Mizrukhim, in Israel. However, he will settle for exit visas for Carmi and Michael.

In Toronto, Morley Wolfe, who initiated Wilson Heights Lodge of B'nai B'rith Canada's round robin hunger strike in support of the Elberts (CJN March 19), reports that the enthusiam level is mounting.

Wolfe, a past national president of BB, reports he has received calls from representatives of various organizations as well as individuals enquiring about joining the project. Further details were not confirmed at press time.

In Montreal, Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry, reports that one area high school has commenced a round-robin hunger strike in support of the Elberts.

Students from all grades at Bialik High School, which last year conferred upon Carmi Elbert an honorary degree, began the fast which is being organized by the student council.

No report on wife's hospital visit

Canadian lobby for prisoner grows

TORONTO —
There are no further reports on the condition of Soviet Prisoner of Conscience Yuli Edelshtein as the lobby for proper medical treatment for him mounts.

Although his wife Tatyana was to have visited him last week at the prison camp hospital in Novosibirsk, Siberia, at press time she had not returned to Moscow.

At a previous visit in early March, she said he appeared to be bloated and had been transferred to a prison camp hospital. This coupled with Edelshtein's health problems stemming from a labor camp accident in January 1986 — he slipped on ice and fell 13 feet fracturing his left thigh and pelvis and tearing his urethra — have convinced two Israeli doctors that he may have renal failure (CJN March 19).

Dr. David Applebaum, director of emergency medical services for Mogen David Adom and director of emergency services at Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, and Dr. Menachem Gordon, a former Refusenik who is director of nuclear medicine at Bikur Cholim in Jerusalem, say the situation is precarious if in fact he is suffering from the kidney condition.

The doctors, who were in Washington last week to lobby senators and congressmen to support the quest for proper medical care for Edelshtein, question the ability of a prison camp hospital — from both staffing and equipment vantage points — to treat the condition. they extended their 2-day lobby campaign to five days.

In Toronto, the three chairmen of the Ontario Legislature's Committee for Soviet Jewry, who met earlier with Edelshtein's local relatives, have taken a 3-pronged approach to the problem.

Steven Offer, Marion Bryden and Don Cousens sent a telegram to Eduarde Shevardnadze and Sergey Burenkov, Soviet ministers of foreign affairs and health, respectively, urging that Edelshtein be afforded proper treatment at a specialized facility in Moscow. The MPPs have asked Health Minister Murray Elston to contact Burenkov seeking the same objective.

The chairmen, who represent the three parties, will urge the members of their respective caucuses to contact Soviet authorities about Edelshtein.

In Ottawa, Bill Attewell, chairman of the Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry, has sent a covering letter and documentation to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark showing that Edelshtein's "condition is serious and deteriorating."

"I am writing to request that you use your good offices to influence the Soviet authorities to act quickly to arrange for proper medical treatment in a proper facility rather than a prison camp hospital."

In other Soviet Jewry news, latest statistics show that 176 Jews have left the Soviet Union between Jan. 1 and March 12. Although Martin Penn, director of the Canadian Committee for Soviet Jewry in Montreal, says that this is an increase, it is not "substantive" when compared with the number who have applied for exit visas.

Among those Jews who have left the country since the statistics were compiled is recently released Prisoner of Conscience Zakhar Zunshine, who departed late last week. Days earlier, two other Prisoners of Conscience, Yakov Levin of Odessa and Vladimir Lifshitz of Leningrad, were released from jail.

In November 1984, Levin, 27, was sentenced to three years in a labor camp for defaming the Soviet state. (His father-in-law Mark Nepomniashchy is also a Prisoner of Conscience.)

Lifshitz, 46, received the same sentence on the same charge in March 1986.

Purim spiels were held last week in Moscow, Leningrad and Riga. Despite the presence of a large number of Refuseniks, Penn reports there was no interference from authorities.

He said that the fact that all parties in different cities went on with no problems is considered to be significant and that a directive must have been issued. **W.R.**

Woman to head Reconstructionists

WASHINGTON —
Rabbi Joy Levitt, of Roslyn NY, has been elected by acclamation as the seventh president of the Reconstructionist Rabbinical Association which has become the first national rabbinical organization to elect a woman as its head.

The annual convention of the rabbinic arm of the Reconstructionist movement also elected Rabbi Sandy Eisenberg Sasso, of Indianapolis, as its first vice-president.

Levitt is the co-author of a recently published book, The Guide to Everything Jewish in New York. She and her husband, Rabbi Lee Friedlander, serve as co-rabbis of the Reconstructionist Synagogue of the North Shore, New York.

Sasso was the first woman ordained by the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College in 1974.

In accepting her post, Levitt said:

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SENGAUS — SHAINHOUSE

Hal Sengaus is an engaging fellow with an intriguing name. He was raised on a farm in Western Canada that was tilled by his pioneer forebears.

I struggled to puzzle out the origin and meaning of his surname, until my perspiration was wiped out by a flash of inspiration. I concluded that SEN was a corruption of SCHOEN ("beautiful") in Jewish and in the lingo of the Litvaks, the SCH was pronounced "S." It was easy to recognize GAUS as being the Russian equivalent of HAUS (German for "house"), since the aspirate "H" is replaced by the guttural "G" (as in Gurovitz for Hurovitz). That dispelled the mystery and revealed a fractured Schoenhaus (beautiful house).

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Artwork forms backdrop to life-affirming story

Documentary film shines light on Holocaust

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

The poet wrote: Art gave life to what history killed. Art gives voice to what history denied, silenced or persecuted. Art brings truth to the lies of history. — Harry Rasky, quoting a poet.

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Canadian filmmaker Harry Rasky has brought to bear his considerable talents to the task of shining a beam of purifying light on the Holocaust.

Rasky's new documentary, *To Mend The World*, illuminates that numbing event through the work of painters and sculptors like Gershon Iskowitz and Nathan Rapoport and thereby gives us a fresh perspective on the Holocaust.

Unfolding against a backdrop of terrifying paintings, tortured sculptures and heart-rending cantorial melodies sung by David Bagley, Louis Danto and Benjamin Maissner, Rasky's film is scheduled to be broadcast over the CBC TV network between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

It will also be screened on April 1 at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and again on April 5 at the Leah Posluns Theatre in Toronto.

Written, produced, directed, and narrated by Rasky, *To Mend The World* is dedicated to all those Jewish artists who did not live to tell their stories.

The paintings and sculptures, which form the backbone of Rasky's picture, were culled from a variety of sources, including the Leo Baeck Institute, the Jewish Museum of New York, Yad Vashem and the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in Toronto.

Rasky, whose propensity to accentuate the positive is probably his chief trademark, cannot, of course, escape from the doom and the gloom of the Holocaust.

But, believing that artists and other survivors denied death through "the positive power of hope" and that "man's duty is to help mend the world," he has constructed a poignant documentary that is not only graphic in its little horrific details but ultimately life-affirming.

The artists who appear throughout Rasky's film have interesting things to say. But in the opinion of this reviewer, the observations of the survivors who neither painted nor sculpted strike a deeper chord. Take Emil Fackenheim, the German-born Canadian philosopher who now lives in Israel, for example: After recapitulating the travails of Jewish history, he says, "And now Jerusalem is being rebuilt. And I think it's such an enormous joy and privilege of being part of it. If you ask me, where does hope come from, that's where I would begin."

Harry Rasky

Fackenheim, in trying to explain the historic underpinnings of the Holocaust, says that it was preceded by hundreds of years of anti-semitism.

The Nazi murder of Jews, he observes, was "an end in itself," with Germany diverting desperately-needed trains to transport Jews to concentration camps.

Idealism was a liefmotif in German history. "But idealism can be for good and for evil," he laments.

Sara Nomberg-Przytyk, a survivor, speaks in Yiddish as she recalls the screams of children and the sky of Auschwitz turning red with the smoke of burning Jews.

Remembering Josef Mengele, the Angel of Death, she acknowledges that he was a beautiful, elegant man with an inspiring smile. In essence, he was a cold-blooded murderer whose "selections" always took place on Jewish holidays.

In spite of everything, "not only evil existed in Auschwitz," she says. "Even in that swamp very beautiful flowers blossomed."

Henry Fenigstein, another survivor, comments on the strange phenomenon of ordinary human beings, SS men in this case, who loved their children but who committed crimes against humanity in the name of Nazism.

For Fenigstein, a psychiatrist, the "important lesson" is that humans could be worse than animals during the Holocaust. "Where were the human beings?"

Gerda Frieberg, who lived in a Polish town near the German border, had to learn how to trust humanity again after her liberation. "It (was) a continuous struggle to try to live in the world that at one time watched us being killed and didn't do anything about it."

Helen Yermus, a Lithuanian Jew, saw her little brother torn from her grasp, never to see him again.

Rasky asks Georges Novak about the fate of his family.

"We have just disappeared," he says simply.

Stanley Golvin, upon being freed after Germany's defeat, "didn't believe there was one existing Jew in this world," so convinced was he that all Jews had been gassed by the Nazis.

Despite the incalculable losses inflicted on European Jewry by Nazism, the Jewish people overcame their tormentors and the survivors reconstructed their lives, either in the newly-created State of Israel or elsewhere.

As for the artists among them, they preserved that which the world should never forget. And by doing so, they redeemed themselves and restored "the broken world to its spiritual place."

Painting by Gershon Iskowitz seen in To Mend The World

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Convention chairman Gloria Levitt says delegates from across the country will hear addresses on a variety of topics including: The Emerging Power of Women in Business, in Government, and in the Volunteer Sector.

Speakers will also discuss: Suddenly Single, Volunteerism, and the Return to Judaism.

Gloria Levitt

For the first time the B'nai B'rith Women of Canada Achievement Award will be presented to an outstanding Canadian, special awards chairman Lucille Bensky announced. The recipient will be announced in the near future.

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Since UN refuses to open those archives

WJC will release files of Nazi war criminals

NEW YORK (JTA) — In the wake of the United Nations' refusal to open its archives containing the files of thousands of Nazi war criminals, the World Jewish Congress (WJC) announced last week it will make publicly available the names, vital statistics and criminal charges against any individual listed in the UN files.

"The names of every individual in the UN files is on a master list we have obtained, and we will respond to all inquiries seeking information on these individuals," WJC secretary-general Israel Singer said.

According to Singer, the WJC will confirm whether an individual is listed in the UN files and specify the nature, place and date of crimes the individual is charged with, according to the files of those charged with crimes and of material witnesses.

The files were assembled by the UN War Crimes Commission, which operated in London from 1943-48. The UN has rejected an Israeli request that the files be opened to the public. The WJC denounced the UN action and said it would respond by calling on its national affilates in the Jewish communities of 70 countries to begin a global campaign to have their governments demand that the UN open the files.

According to the WJC, its copy of the master list was located in the United States National Archives. "Each member of the UN War Crimes Commission received a copy," a WJC spokesman explained.

The individual criminal files at the UN contain additional data and in particular otherwise unobtainable information on the evidence against the persons being charged.

The WJC said that the availability of the file numbers of suspected individuals could be utilized in initiating legal proceedings. This was because the UN has conceded it would release individual files on a confidential basis to governments that request them, and which submit the necessary file number.

"We are undertaking this campaign in order to facilitate the apprehension and prosecution of criminals where appropriate, as well as to promote accurate historical and scholarly research into the terrible period of the Second World War." Singer stated. "The obstacles which the UN has placed in the way of these objectives are unconscionable."

Another complaint filed against Malcolm Ross

By PAUL LUNGEN

NEWCASTLE, NB — Retired chemistry professor Julius Israeli last week filed another complaint against Malcolm Ross, already under investigation for promoting hatred against Jews.

The additional complaint likely means a further delay in Justice Minister David Clark's decision on whether to prosecute Ross under Section 281.2 of the Criminal Code — the hate law section. Israeli's most recent complaint arose when he found three of Ross' books for sale in grocery stores near Newcastle.

Israeli told The CJN he found the books — in which the author claims there was no Holocaust and that Jews are conspiring to undermine Christianity — at two small stores in Sunny Corner, Ross' home town about five miles from Newcastle.

At one grocery store, Israeli purchased all three available copies of *Web of Deceit* — "so they're not available for others" — while the proprietor of a second convenience store in the area refused to sell him the five copies of *Battle for Truth* and *The Real Holocaust* he had on display.

Later, Israeli made a complaint to the RCMP, who were already investigating a letter to the editor of the Miramichi Leader in which Ross repeated his views about the so-called international conspiracy of Jews.

Israeli said his findings at the grocery stores and his most recent complaint contradict Clark's statement that Ross' books were unavailable. (In turning down a previous complaint by Israeli, one reason given by Clark was that Ross' books were unavailable to the public.)

Israeli said he expected the RCMP investigation which resulted from this complaint will lead to a strengthening of the case for prosecution. Israeli has been attempting since the late 70s to bring hate propaganda charges against Ross, a school teacher in Magnetic Hill.

Israelis dispute claims about CIA spy in IDF

TEL AVIV (JTA) — Israeli officials reacted to reports from Washington Friday that the CIA had tried to operate a spy within the Israel Defence Force in 1982.

The report was headlined in Friday's Jerusalem Post.

It quotes Senator David Durenberger (R. Minn.) telling a group of some 100 Jewish activists in a meeting sponsored by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee in Palm Beach that former CIA director William Casey had authorized a covert operation against Israel long before the Pollard affair began. Durenberger is the immediate past chairman of the Senate intelligence committee.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told Israel Radio there was no truth to the report, adding he understood IDF sources had earlier said they had no information about the alleged spy, a "high-level Israeli officer in the IDF who had originally made aliya from the U.S. During the Lebanon war he reportedly was "bumped" by the IDF.

Yossi Ben-Aharon, director-general of the Prime Minister's office, said he knew nothing of the affair, but added that he would not be surprised if something like that had happened. "As we all know, spying is the business of governments against all other governments — not against, but in favor of their own security. I'm not very surprised," Ben-Aharon said.

A similar denial was made by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in an interview with a West German newspaper. He was answering a question arising from a statement allegedly made by convicted spy Jonathan Pollard that U.S. agents had been employed in Israel.

Jewish group praises Gen. Yaron's rejection

TORONTO — Ottawa's decision not to accept the nomination of General Amos Yaron as Israel's military attache in Canada has been welcomed by the national resident board of the United Jewish Peoples Order.

In a letter to External Affairs Minister Joe Clark, the board said it hopes this "independent action" by the government will lead to "further moves in the same direction, such as support for an international conference on the Middle East with the participation of all interested parties" and the permanent members of the United Nations Security Council.

The board urged recognition of "Israel's right to a peaceful existence behind safe borders and the Palestinians' just desire for a homeland."

Only such an approach, it said, "can begin to help these two peoples break out of the vicious circle of violence, whether it be individual or state-inspired."

Vanunu's trial postponed due to fight with lawyer

JERUSALEM (JTA) — The trial of Mordechai Vanunu, scheduled to open in Jerusalem district court last week, was postponed because of a dispute between the defendant and his lawyer. No new date was announced and legal observers doubt the proceedings will begin until late next month.

Vanunu, a former technician at the Dimona nuclear facility, is accused of selling secret material about Israel's alleged nuclear weapons capabilities to a British newspaper. He and his family fired defence attorney Amnon Zichroni over differences on how the case should be conducted.

Zichroni prepared a purely legal defence. Vanunu demands that his trial be made into a public forum against Israel's nuclear research and development programs.

The court has not officially accepted Zichroni's dismissal. If a new lawyer is named he will need time to familiarize himself with the case.

The Jewish Quiz

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Edmond Lipsitz

ANSWERS:

1. In the city of Edmonton in 1927.
2. Leonard Cohen.
3. Fanny (Bobbie) Rosenfeld.

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These questions and answers came from the book *6400 Questions About Judaism and the Jewish People* by Edmond Y. Lipsitz, published by JESL Educational Products, Downsview, Ont. Dr. Lipsitz would be pleased to receive your comments, or to consider your own Jewish quiz questions for inclusion in future columns. Write to him, c/o Canadian Jewish News.

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Won't sign new security contracts

Israel to downgrade relations with S. Africa

By
GIL SEDAN

JERUSALEM (JTA) — Israel, responding to U.S. congressional pressure, has decided to downgrade its relations with South Africa.

In reaction to reports that countries engaged in certain areas of trade with South Africa could face a reduction in U.S. aid, the inner cabinet decided last week that Israel would not sign any new security contracts with the white minority regime.

However, the inner cabinet decided that no immediate cuts would be introduced in the current military trade.

The decision was made at the end of a lengthy, and sometimes heated, 5-hour debate. Ariel Sharon headed the lobby in the cabinet against imposing any sanctions on South Africa. He said that Israel could face American pressures on the issue.

But Foreign Minister Shimon Peres supported taking action against South Africa. He stressed the possible damage to Israel's international standing if it did not join the West in steps against South Africa. He won the support of both Premier Yitzhak Shamir and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

On the delicate question of where Israel would import its coal from, Peres said that South Africa could be replaced as a major supplier of coal by Australia or by the People's Republic of China.

The General Accounting Office (GAO), a Congressional body, will publish a list on April 1 of countries involved in the arms trade with South Africa.

Israel is expected to appear prominently on that list. If it does not impose its own sanctions on South Africa by the end of the year, the U.S. may reduce its economic and military aid to Israel in the next fiscal year.

Israel's military ties with South Africa provide employment for thousands of Israelis and Israel relies heavily on South African coal to generate electric power.

According to foreign press reports, Israel has been selling military equipment to South Africa for the past 15 years, mainly light weapons, communications and electronic equipment. In addition, it has licenced South Africa manufacturers to produce several major Israeli weapons systems.

These include Saar-class missile boats, the Gabriel surface-to-surface naval rockets and important components of the Kfir jet fighter-bomber.

An embargo of such material to South Africa would lay Israel open to charges of hypocrisy, since it has been in the forefront of the battle against embargoes and boycotts as political tools.

Of no less consideration is the impact Israeli sanctions may have on South Africa's 120,000 Jews.

Absorption Minister Yaacov Tsur, who is well aware of the delicacy of the situation, suggested that Israel should not be the first to impose sanctions on South Africa but could not lag behind other countries. "It should be said explicitly (that) relations with South Africa are gradually taking on new norms," Tsur said.

He estimated that 1,000 Jews will leave South Africa for Israel this year. He was not certain how Israeli sanctions might affect South African Jews.

"The only message I can convey to South African Jewry is to leave and come to Israel," Tsur said.

Nebraska Jewish senator dies

By
JOSEPH POLAKOFF

WASHINGTON — Senator Edward Zorinsky, the only Jewish candidate ever to win a statewide election in Nebraska, was eulogized at traditional services at Omaha's Beth El Synagogue as a staunch advocate of farmers and American agriculture. He was called a "true public servant" by President Ronald Reagan in a White House statement.

More than 1,000 mourners, including a score of senators who span the political spectrum from most liberal to most conservative, attended the rites in the synagogue whose normal capacity is about 500. With Zorinsky having served 14 years in the U.S. Army Reserve, representatives of the military forces were among those present.

Zorinsky, 58, died of a heart attack. His death reduced the number of Jewish senators to seven.

In a controversial point in his senatorial career, Zorinsky initially opposed the sale of AWACS to Saudi Arabia in 1981. With the vote 8 to 7 in the Senate foreign relations committee, he cast the last and tying vote to make it 8-8 and caused the measure to be sent to the Senate floor. There under heavy lobbying by Reagan, he voted for the sale which was approved.

Indicative of his willingness to meet with constituents and others without hesitancy, Zorinsky set a precedent in the Senate by having the door removed from his office. Beth El's Rabbi Myer Kripke noted this trait in his eulogy, saying Zorinsky's "feeling was 'I am your servant' and his logo was the open door."

Eitan, Sella postings "mistakes"

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American Jew was convicted for spying for Israel.

"I don't think there is any reason for you to be afraid or embarrassed," Inouye told the 175 persons attending the Mission to Washington of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations in America (OU).

"If you show fear it gives courage and strength to your enemies," he stressed. "This is the time to show strength and not fear."

Inouye said that, while he condemns Pollard's espionage, "with equal fervor I condemn those Americans who are using this to imply the concept of collective guilt."

Meanwhile, a visiting American Jewish leader said in Jerusalem that he was convinced the problems arising from the Pollard affair would "go away."

Morris Abram, chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations, told reporters after meeting with Premier Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres that he was encouraged by the appointment of two panels, one by the cabinet and the other by the Knesset, to examine the matter (CJN March 19).

Abrams was critical of the advancement of two Israelis closely linked to Pollard's espionage activities — Air Force Col. Aviem Sella and former Mossad operative Rafael Eitan.

"I think that placing Col. Sella in command of that (Tel Nof) air base was a serious, and I might add, irresponsible, act. I also say that the Eitan act was damaging. . . . It remains for the commissions to decide what ultimately should be done," Abram said. Eitan was given a top job with a defence firm.

In a related development, Foreign Minister Peres said the government will abide by the recommendations of the cabinet-appointed committee studying the matter.

Peres said he was confident that after the committee questions the political echelon, it would reach the conclusion that "we were in complete ignorance" of Pollard's activities.

He acknowledged that "unbearable mistakes" were made. It was a mistake, he said, to appoint former Mossad operative Eitan chairman of Israel Chemicals, and to give Sella command of one of Israel's largest air bases.

"We don't want American Jews to spy for Israel, so why create an impression that we are for it?" Peres asked. He stressed, however, that "there is nothing criminal to support Israel or to sympathize with Israel, whether you are Jewish or non-Jewish." But spying on a friendly country is a mistake, he added.

Meanwhile, the Knesset's intelligence subcommittee investigating the government's role in the Pollard case will complete taking evidence "within seven to 10 days" and then begin writing its report, Abba Eban, chairman of the foreign affairs and security committee, the subcommittee's parent body said.

In yet another development, the private Israeli fund established to raise money for Pollard and his wife wound up its activities following Israeli media reports that official sources in Israel were indirectly assisting the American couple convicted of spying for Israel.

The Voice of Israel reported that official sources had paid out $80,000 towards the Pollards' legal expenses which are estimated at about $120,000 and have promised to cover the full amount if possible. There were no reports of where the money originated or how it was transferred to the Pollards.

A government spokesman denied that the government was involved in any way with providing the Pollards with funds.

BB League will press for report's release

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sideration, Silverstone said. The most important goal, he added, was to "build up a body of jurisprudence" upon which future cases could be based.

In a briefing by Silverstone for Jewish and religious leaders, Congress' executive director said the Rodal report is "certainly an important element, but peripheral to Deschenes' primary position." Congress is considering options "including legal proceedings" to compel release of the report.

Meanwhile, B'nai B'rith's League for Human Rights vowed to keep after Hnatyshyn with letters and phone calls until the study is released, Lazarus reports.

Arthur Hiess, the League's regional director, said the strategy is necessary in light of "Canadian government complicity in letting Nazi war criminals into Canada after the Holocaust."

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What's New

By MIRIAM CHINSKY

On April 13, just before Passover, we will be moving to our new address, 10 Gateway Blvd., Suite 420, Don Mills M3C 3A1. Look for our new phone number in a future issue.

Because we will be closed during Passover holidays and Good Friday, and because we are moving, deadlines for April 16 and 23 issues are advanced. Deadline for April 16 issue is Friday, April 3 and deadline for April 23 and April 30 issues is Monday, April 6.

Thursday, March 26

PUBLIC FUNDING/SEP. SCHOOLS

The controversial issue of separate school funding will be probed at an adult education symposium in Beth Sholom Synagogue, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 26.

Panelists are **J. Frank Clifford**, executive director of educational services for the Ontario ministry of education; **Lyle McBurney**, Ontario Association of Alternate and Independent Schools and, **Larry Taman**, of the firm **McMillan Binch**, counsel for the Canadian Civil Liberties Association. **Stanley Fisher** will serve as moderator.

A discussion period and light refreshments will complete the evening.

JEWISH — CHRISTIAN DIALOG

Yes, we can spell, but that is the title chosen by the group which will meet 7.30 p.m. Thursday, March 26 at the Lodzer Holocaust Synagogue, 12 Heaton St., for dialogue on views, traditions, etc., held by Jews and Christians.

Here is a chance for some penetrating discussion. For more information, phone **Mary Cooper**, 221-8958.

FASHIONS AT NCJW MEETING

Fashions by **Betty Kestenberg** will brighten the Spring General Luncheon Meeting , National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, 12.45 p.m. at the JCC N/E Valley, 7015 Leslie St.

Nita Goldband, president, reports on the activities of the organization, and the new slate of officers will be proposed and voted on.

Cost is $10 for members, $12, non-members, paid reservations only. Visa is accepted. Call 633-5100.

Saturday, March 28

CANYON LODGE BB AUCTION

Come out, try bidding on items that attract your attention, enjoy door prizes and refreshments, at the Annual Auction sponsored by Canyon Lodge, B'nai B'rith, Saturday, March 28 in Thornhill Community Centre, (Bayview and John).

Viewing is at 8 p.m., auction, 8.30. Admission is $2 per person.

All funds raised will go to various charities and B'nai B'rith agencies.

For more information phone **Harvey** or **Rosemary Kosloff**, 226-1847.

Sunday, March 29

GRAND SOCIETY

Grand Society, (GRAND, Grandparents requesting access and dignity,) holds its next meeting 1.30 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at 16 Spadina Rd. The speaker will be **Corrine Wilks** from family court clinic, explaining The Importance of Grandparents in Grandchildren's Lives.

G.R.A.N.D. was formed because of the realization that as more families experience separation and divorce, relationships within the family are severely changed, resulting at times in grandchildren and grandparents having a more limited involvement with one another.

The aim is to address the problem in a supportive and educative way.

To inquire further call 469-5471.

AMBASSADORIAL ADDRESS

Benjamin Netanyahu addressed a meeting planned by the Canadian Zionist Federation and student groups, in Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue recently. Seen here are (left to right) Sidney Greenberg, Netanyahu, Lew Moses and Max Shecter.

SHAARE ZEDEK STONE

Avron Shore (left) and Renee and Harvey Solursh pose with the Shaare Zedek Medical Centre Founders' Stone presented to them in recognition of becoming founders of the hospital. The stones are from the excavation of the foundation done for the hospital when its new facility was constructed in the 1970s. Harvey Solursh is president of the Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. His wife and Avron Shore are members of the national board of directors.

YIDDISH CULTURE COUNCIL

India — Her Religions and Beliefs, will be the topic of a Yiddish lecture by prominent Montreal Yiddish and Hebrew writer, **Chaim Spilberg**, 8.30 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Workmen's Circle Hall, 471 Lawrence Ave. W.

This is under the auspices of the Yiddish Culture Council and everyone is cordially invited to attend.

PARENTS OF OLIM ISRAELIS

PNAI, The Toronto Chapter for Parents of North American Israelis, plans an interesting meeting 8 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. The program will include an Israel Quiz Biz.

Bring along a friend. Prospective members are always welcome.

JUSTICE AND THE LAW

Justice and the Law: Are They Related? Is the Young Offenders Act a Blessing or a Curse? **Markham Silver**, who practices criminal law, will give his views at a gathering of the Entertainment and Cultural Connection, 8 p.m. Sunday, March 29 in the Sisterhood Hall, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, 470 Glencairn Ave.

All ages are invited, with special tables for singles 21-39 and 39 plus. Admission is free to members, guests, $2.

Coordinators are **Sandra** and **Gerry Genesove**.

JAPANESE FLOWER ARRANGING

The graceful art of Japanese flower arranging (Ikebana) will be displayed and demonstrated 1-5 p.m. Sunday, March 29 at the Civic Garden Centre, 777 Lawrence Ave. E., when members of Ikenobo Ikebana, the Toronto branch of an ancient school of floral art, hold their 24th annual exhibition. Theme for the day is Haru No (Spring Elegance).

Admission is $3.

For more details call **Ruth Krieger**, 444-5716 or **Mary Stewart**, 444-6909.

BETH TORAH BROTHERHOOD

At Beth Torah Brotherhood's next breakfast, Sunday, March 29, in the synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave., the subject slated for discussion, is On Being Different — The Middle Eastern Islamic Response, with speaker **Rivanne Sandler**, professor of Near Eastern studies at the University of Toronto.

Everyone is welcome. Service is at 9 a.m., breakfast 9.30 and speaker at 10.

UNITED SYNAGOGUE DAY SCHOOL

United Synagogue Day School is scheduling a meeting of prospective and new parents to Richmond Hill Campus, nursery class, (commencing in September), 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29 in the Spruce Ave. Community Centre, 31 Spruce Ave., Richmond Hill (two blocks south of Hillcrest Mall, west of Yonge St.).

For further information call 781-5658.

JEWISH FOLK MUSIC

On Sunday March 29 at 2.30 p.m., Congregation Habonim, 12 Hollaman Rd. (Bathurst Glencairn area), presents **Naomi Bell** in a lecture recital on Jewish folk music, The Stetl — A Portrait in Song.

Don't miss this outstanding program. Mrs. Bell is well known for her repertoire of Jewish folk music.

Admission is $1 at the door, and refreshments will be served.

CHAT PRESENTS THE MATCHMAKER

Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), presents **Thornton Wilder's**, The Matchmaker, 8 p.m., Sunday, March 29 in Northview Heights Secondary School, at the corner of Bathurst and Finch.

Admission is $5.

INDOOR GARAGE SALE

New and nearly new clothing for the whole family, plus drapes, bedspreads, linens gently used, children's clothes and toys, bric-a-brac, Levi jeans — something for everyone — will be offered at the National Council of Jewish Women's Indoor Garage Sale, 9.30 a.m.-2.30 p.m., Sunday, March 29 in Council House, 4700 Bathurst St. Bus stop is at the door.

All proceeds go to aid Council charities.

PASSOVER WORKSHOP

On Sunday, March 29 at 10 a.m., Shaareh Haim Synagogue begins a 2-part Passover Workshop.

Rabbi Lawrence Troster will speak on The Way to Celebrate Passover: Customs and Traditions.

The second lecture on April 5, will explain how to conduct a seder.

The workshop takes place at Roselawn Public School on Carrville Rd. (west of Yonge St.). The lecture will be preceded by a service and breakfast and concludes at 11.45 a.m.

For more information phone **Rabbi Troster**, 737-3080.

SECULAR JEWISH ASSOCIATION

Secular Jewish Association invites you to hear **Prof. Irving Abella**, (co-author with **Harold Troper** of None is Too Many), who will speak on The New Anti-Semitism, based on his soon-to-be-published book.

This gathering is slated for 8.30 p.m., Sunday, March 29 at the JCC North-East Valley, 7015 Leslie St.

Since a wide community response is expected, please RSVP, 223-3081.

FOOT CARE

When My Feet Hurt, I Hurt All Over, a lecture on proper foot care by podiatrist **Alan Silverstein**, will be given when Adath Sholom Sisterhood meets Sunday morning, March 29 in the shul, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

Breakfast $1, is at 9.30 a.m. with a short meeting to follow. The talk is at 10.45.

Guests are welcome.

BETH SHOLOM BROTHERHOOD

Chiropractor and naturopath **Howard Levine** will discuss Osteoporosis, Weakening of the Bones, How to Predict and even Prevent This Major Physical Problem, when Beth Sholom Brotherhood Tefillin and Breakfast Club meets on Sunday, March 29.

Service is at 9.30 a.m., breakfast at 10 and speaker, 10.30.

Monday, March 30

PILLAR OF FIRE

The closing stage of the fight to establish the State of Israel is illustrated in this week's episode of the classic video and discussion program, Pillar of Fire, jointly sponsored by The Canadian Zionist Federation and Beth Tzedec Congregation at the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St., 7.45 p.m., Monday, March 30.

Guest lecturer **Julius Sokoloff** will cover the exciting period 1945-47.

There is no charge, refreshments are provided and everyone is welcome.

MONDAY MAGIC

Monday Magic, or Mothers Against Going Incredibly Crazy, meets 9.30 a.m. Mondays at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Hear good speakers and meet other mothers of young children. Excellent babysitting is provided.

On March 30, learn about Patio and Balcony Hydroponics from horticulturist **Andrew Benn**.

CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

Monday, March 30 at 8 p.m., Adath Israel Community Participation Committee, 37 Southbourne Ave., welcomes you to a model seder led by **Rabbi Howard Markose** and a discussion of Easter led by **Rev. Glen Nelson**. This is part of the open forum Christian-Jewish dialogue with members of St. Ansgar's Lutheran Church.

Tuesday, March 31

SYMPOSIUM ON THE GET

A Symposium on the Get, sponsored by B'nai B'rith Women of Canada and Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism, is set for 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 in Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W. (corner of Wilmington)

Panelists are family lawyer **John Syrtash**, **Devora Danziger**, member of the Toronto Jewish Congress Committee on the Get and **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Moderator is **Norma Rubin**, speakers' bureau chairman, Ontario Branch Women's League for Conservative Judaism.

All Sisterhood members and guests are welcome. Cost is $3 per person.

YOUR TEEN AND DRUGS

At an evening for parents arranged by United Synagogue Day School 8 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, in Beth Tzedec Synagogue Mezzanine Hall, 1700 Bathurst St., **Norm Panzica**, senior consultant to the Council on Drug Abuse (CODA), will talk about Your Teen and Drugs.

This meeting is open to the public and free of charge.

HOLY BLOSSOM SISTERHOOD

Psychotherapist **Joan Hurley** will examine Stress or Distress, when she addresses Holy Blos-

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som Sisterhood, 1950 Bathurst St., 8 p.m. Tuesday, March 31.

Admission is $2 to Sisterhood members, $4, non-members. Coffee will be served.

T'NACH STUDY GROUP

Toronto Jewish Congress Cultural Council is sponsoring a T'nach Study Group 8.15 p.m. Tuesday, March 31 at Associated Hebrew Schools, 3630 Bathurst St.

The group will consider Zechariah, chapters III, IV and V, with **Prof. Martin Lockshin**.

WORKPLACE DRUG-SCREENING

Is Drug-Screening in the Workplace a Benefit or Intrusion? That's the topic of the Addiction Research Foundation public forum 7.30 Tuesday, March 31 in the foundation's auditorium, 33 Russell St.

The drug-screening in the workplace issue, raises important questions. How much control can employers exert over employees? Does such testing infringe on employee rights? How accurate are the testing methods?

Come out and hear a panel of experts in related fields confront this problem.

For further information phone 595-6102

Wednesday, April 1

CANADIAN ISRAELI CLUB ALUMA

Canadian Israeli Club Aluma's new Wednesday afternoon program for Hebrew-speaking people 55 and over, meets next 2-3.30 p.m., April 1 in the Fireside Lounge of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

For more information call **Shelley Dunkelman**, 789-5131, ext. 2273.

PILLAR OF FIRE AT BETH EMETH

Pillar of Fire, The History of Israel's Rebirth continues at Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St., 8-9.30 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 with The Final Solution (1941-42) — Invasion of Russia, Mass Murder of European Jews, Rommel, El-Alamein.

Commentary is by **Rabbi Irwin Witty**.

Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

TORONTO WOMEN'S ORT

Toronto Women's ORT is scheduling a general meeting 8 p.m. Wednesday, April 1 at the B'nai B'rith Centre, 15 Hove St. (one block west of Bathurst, north of Sheppard).

The theme is **Wellness**, featuring concurrent workshops on Jazzercize, Nutrition and Stress Management.

In keeping with the evening's subject, nutritious and enjoyable refreshments will be served.

To inquire further call **Helen** at the ORT office, 787-0297.

Thursday, April 2

JEWISH MEDICAL ETHICS

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood, 2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill, meets 8 p.m. Thursday, April 2, to hear a panel discussion on Jewish Medical Ethics.

Panelists will be Shaar Shalom's **Rabbi Sheldon Korn**, plus doctors, a lawyer and an educator.

Admission is $1 to members, $1.50, non-members. Refreshments will be served.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

JEWISH MOURNING

Judaism's Cycle of Mourning: A Psychological View, focuses on the therapeutic value of traditional Jewish mourning rituals and how they facilitate the move from death and loss back to life and living. Speaker will be **Rabbi Harvey Meirovich** of Beth Sholom Synagogue.

Under the auspices of the Benjamin Institute for Community Education and Referral, this lecture takes place at Toronto Zionist Council, 788 Marlee Ave. (south of Lawrence), 8-10 p.m., Wednesday, April 8.

Discussion and refreshments follow.

TALMUDIC ACADEMY OF BALTIMORE

Talmudic Academy of Baltimore holds its 70th annual banquet Wednesday evening, May 13 at Beth Tifiloh Congregation in Baltimore.

Guest of honor will be **Rabbi Boruch Milikowsky**, senior rosh yeshiva.

Former students from the Toronto area who would like to join in honoring Rabbi Milikowsky or are interested in more information regarding the dinner, should phone **Rabbi Saul Schneider** (301)484-6600 or (301)486-0921, or write to the Talmudic Academy of Baltimore, 4445 Old Court Rd., Baltimore, Md., 21208.

PASSOVER INSTITUTE

A Passover Institute on The Whys and How of Pesach, led by **Rabbi Avraham Feder** and **Chazzan Efraim Sapir**, is slated for Tuesdays March 31 and April 7 at 8 p.m. in Beth Tikvah Synagogue, 3080 Bayview Ave.

A Guide to Understanding the Festival of Pesach will be offered on March 31.

On April 7, learn How To Make Your Seder More Meaningful for You and Your Family — How To Stimulate Discussion at the Seder Table.

The Silverman Haggadah will be used as a guide. Tape recorders are welcome and will be very useful.

To inquire further call 221-3433.

BABYSITTING PROGRAM

Wednesdays, 4.15-5.15 p.m., April 1-29, in Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr. (east of Don Mills Rd.), a trained instructor will cover the basics of caring for small children, including first aid, safety and the ethics of babysitting, at a course conducted by St. John Ambulance. This is for ages 11-15.

A similar program is offered 4-5 p.m. Thursdays, in Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave. (west of Victoria Park Ave.).

After successful completion of the sessions, each participant will be awarded a certificate.

Please pre-register.

Programs are free, but there will be a $4 materials charge.

For additional information call 495-3436.

PASSOVER CHOCOLATES

Nili Chapter of Hadassah-WIZO is selling a variety of pareve, handmade Montreal kosher for Passover chocolates. All items come gift wrapped at no extra cost.

Included are, assorted chocolates, candies, chocolate orange peels, nuts and fruits, pops on a stick, after seder mints, chocolate covered matzah, chocolate coffee beans.

All proceeds will be donated to Hadassah Youth Aliyah projects.

To order, phone **Rosanne**, 665-4801. No Shabbat calls please.

TEMPLE ISRAEL OF LONDON

At the Shabbat Service 7.30 p.m., April 10, **Rabbi Howard Folb** of Congregation Beth El in Windsor, will be special guest rabbi. Plan on attending this service at the Jewish Community Centre in London.

STUDY WEEKEND

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogues, are sponsoring a Study Weekend, March 27-29, featuring scholar-in-residence, **Nahum Sarna**, professor emeritus of biblical studies, Brandeis University, author of Understanding Genesis and Exploring Exodus.

Friday, March 27 at 8.30 p.m. an Oneg Shabbat public lecture, The Biblical Prophet: The Moral Conscience of Society, will be given at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Saturday, March 28 at 9 a.m. in Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, 100 Elder St., Dr. Sarna will deliver the sermon. At 8.30 p.m. in Beth David, he will present a melava malka public lecture, Is the Bible Compatible with Tolerance?

Sunday, March 29 starting at 9.15 a.m. shaharit, breakfast and a study morning are scheduled for Beth Emeth. Dr. Sarna will examine Archeological Finds and the Bible.

SUMMER JOBS FOR STUDENTS

Jewish Information Service invites university or community college students who will be entering at least 2nd year in the fall of 1987, to apply for several summer community project related jobs. Relevant background is social sciences, social work, Jewish studies, English, library sciences or computers.

The student should be prepared to work the full summer.

Apply in writing with resume, to **Joel Verbin**, Jewish information Service, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 345, Willowdale, Ont. M2R 3V2.

CONVERSATIONAL HEBREW

Registration is now open for beginner, intermediate and advanced (adults and teens) summer courses in conversational Hebrew through Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave.

The course commences July 2 and continues through August. Classes are conducted by skilled Israeli teachers. The beginners course uses the audio-visual method.

For consultation and registration call **Joseph Klinger**, 787-0197.

BETH TIKVAH SCHOOL

A breakfast meeting for interested and prospective parents of kindergarten-grade 2, at Beth Tikvah Congregational School, 3080 Bayview Ave., takes place 10 a.m. Sunday, April 5 in the board room. The program will encompass curriculum, questions, and visiting classrooms.

To inquire further and to RSVP, call **Pnina Spetgang**, 221-5083.

AT TEMPLE HAR ZION

Jesse Caryll serves as cantor, **Ray Havelock** assists and members of the congregation take part in adult lay services at Temple Har Zion, 7360 Bayview Ave. Thornhill, 9 p.m., the first Friday of each month.

The haftorah is studied and a different Shabbat prayer is examined at each service. These are in addition to regular Friday evening Shabbat services led by **Rabbi Michael Stroh** and **Cantor A. Martin Steinhouse**.

A special weekend is planned at Temple Har Zion.

Friday, March 27 at 8.30 p.m. Shabbat services, **Prof. Irving Zeitlin** will discuss Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and the Polytheism Around Them.

Reserve now for Sunday breakfast; $3, when Prof. Zeitlin will consider Moses and Monotheism. Breakfast is at 9 a.m., speaker at 9.30.

SHALOM VILLAGE IN HAMILTON

Here are the events for April at Shalom Village, 70 Macklin St. North, Hamilton.

Thursday, April 2 at 7.30 p.m., **Rabbi Itkin** will talk about Pesach.

Simcha Sunday starts at 2 p.m., April 5, with **Gord Lindsay** playing Yiddish and English songs on the piano. Help celebrate the birthdays of **Mary Dembe, Goldie Lowinger, Esther Marcus, Sarah Pitch, Elizabeth Rosa** and **Goldie Sipos**.

Get ready to hoe down to a special Western Night with fun activities and refreshments for all, 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 8.

Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. enjoy entertainment by **Mrs. Nissman** and the children.

Pianist **Syd Levy** will perform at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 19.

And, Toronto's **Eva Fishman** will be present to provide her own sparkle, Wednesday, April 22 at 2 p.m.

Ongoing programs at Shalom Village include the following: Exercises with **Bernie Burg**; Mosaic Tile with **Carol** and **Anna** on Mondays; Bingo with **Sonia** and **Nouly Howard**, Mondays and Wednesdays; In-Chair Exercises with **Linda** Tuesdays and Thursdays; Ceramics with **Lois** and **Helen Yellin**, Wednesdays; Current Event Discussion with **Mark Nagler** Fridays; Bowling with **Janis** and **Lou** Fridays; Yiddish Readings with **Rena** Saturdays at 2.30 p.m.; Crafts with **Crystal** and **Lil Wolfson** Thursdays.

For more information call 528-5377.

HOLY BLOSSOM STUDY GROUP

Spend an interesting morning with Holy Blossom Temple Women's Study Group and hear speakers talk on a variety of absorbing topics related to Judaism.

Excellent babysitting is available for all ages.

The group meets in the activity room every Tuesday, 9.30-11.15 a.m., until June 23.

Everyone is welcome. For more details contact **Julia**, chairperson, at 486-6351. Sitting is available from 9.15 a.m.

JOIN THE ROYAL REGIMENT

Positions are open to Canadians 17 and older for a part time job in the Canadian Army. The Royal Regiment of Canada needs reservists. Hours of duty are 7-11 p.m. Monday and Thursday nights and usually one weekend a month.

For more details, phone 973-3677, or visit Fort York Armory, 660 Fleet St.

HEBREW ORT CHAPTER

All Hebrew-speaking women are invited to contact **Kathy Harari** at 738-8653 or **Marcy Gilbert**, 787-0339. A new chapter of Toronto Women's ORT featuring Hebrew language programs, has started in the Bathurst-Steeles area. This great group of women is looking to expand its membership base. If interested, please do not delay, and call today!

JEWISH DISTRESS LINE

Are you lonely? Do you feel boxed in? Do you need someone to talk to?

Tel-Aide, the Jewish Distress Line volunteers are available to listen. Tel-Aide listeners have all taken an extensive training course, and are well qualified to listen.

Please call 636-9610 Monday-Thursday, 9.30 a.m. until 10 p.m., 'til 3 p.m. Fridays; starting at 1 p.m. Sundays.

Tel-Aide is a call-in service only, and is sponsored by Toronto Jewish Congress.

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LARGEST GRANT

Molly Ray, president of the residents' council of the Jewish Home for the Aged, chats with Monte Kwinter, Ontario minister for consumer and commercial affairs, following the presentation of a $5.2 million check to Baycrest from the ministry of community and social services. This special grant will help pay the costs for extra nursing, portering and activity staff at the Home. Ray accepted the check on behalf of the residents. It is the largest special grant received by the Home to date.

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TIMMY TYKES WILL PLAY

The 32nd Annual Timmy Tyke Tournament continues as scheduled, starting 8 a.m., March 28 and 29 at North York's Centennial Centre, 580 Finch Ave. W.

Spectators will enjoy watching 8- and 9-year-olds in the novice and minor novice age division compete for the Timmy Tyke trophy.

Admission is only $1 per person and proceeds will go to the Easter Seals Society and their work for physically disabled children.

HANDS-ON HEBREW

A "hands-on approach" to learning conversational Hebrew is used effectively at classes in Beth Torah Synagogue, 47 Glenbrook Ave.

This 8-week course is taught by **Cantor Samuel Frankel** 7.30 p.m. Tuesdays, until mid-May, for beginners, 7.30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning March 19, for intermediates. There is no charge and you can begin at any time.

For more information call the shul office, 782-4495.

PIONEER VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

Enrich your life with knowledge of Ontario pioneer life and serve your community at the same time.

Black Creek Pioneer Village needs activity and demonstration assistants to help operate its 30 restored buildings.

On-the-job training is provided in both the manual skills of yesterday and in the information sharing function of guide/demonstrator to small groups of students during the school year.

For further information please contact the Volunteer Centre, 481-6194.

ALBERTA NEWS

Jewish Federation of Edmonton Community relations coordinator **Maxine Fischbein** addressed students at a school assembly in Swan Hills, Alta., recently, on Anti-Semitism and the Holocaust.

Students from Grade 9 classes at the school made presentations on anti-semitism and extremist groups such as the Aryan Nations. Swan Hills is 150 miles northwest of Edmonton.

Shelly Maerov, vice-president of communications for the Jewish Federation of Edmonton and local JCRC chairman, spoke to Hadassah-WIZO members and their guests at the annual Public Affairs Dinner, discussing current issues, including the Aryan Nations and the Deschenes Commission report.

ART IN THE LIBRARIES

During the month of April there is a wide range of art on display in North York public libraries.

Sue Ecclestone's watercolors, generally done from nature on location, may be seen at Don Mills Library, 888 Lawrence Ave. E., just west of Don Mills Rd.

Photos by **Nicol Faridani** are on view at Brookbanks Library, 210 Brookbanks Dr., just south of York Mills Rd.

Denise Rouben shows her paintings on silk — scarves, pillows, wall hangings and blouses — at Bathurst Heights Library, 3170 Bathurst St., just north of Lawrence Ave.

Exhibited at Yorkdale Library in Yorkdale Mall, are acrylics by **Georgia McLellan**, many revealing her love of nature.

Graphic artist **Gary Wein's** prints and posters are hanging in Fairview Library, 35 Fairview Mall Dr, just east of Don Mills Rd.

John Bondrager's oil paintings are at Hillcrest Library, 5801 Leslie St., just north of Finch Ave.

Animal portraits by **Iris Ward** may be viewed at Pleasant View Library, 575 Van Horne Ave., just west of Victoria Park..

For hours and other details about art in the libraries, phone 495-3438.

CAMERON HOME SHOW

Services, crafts, personal care, repairs, will all be featured at Cameron Ave. School Community Home Show, 211 Cameron Ave. (Yonge-Sheppard area), 10 a.m.-3 p.m., March 28.

This is the place to find that unusual piece of stained glass, locate a good repair person or discover a special service.

JUVENILE DIABETES

The Juvenile Diabetes Foundation (JDF) is the official charity of the World Professional Squash Association, and tournament organizers have designated JDF Day on March 28, as part of the Xerox Open Squash Championships to be held at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, 255 Front St. W.

All proceeds from the sale of the $5 admission ticket bought through the JDF office will go directly to diabetes research. Those who purchase tickets this way will be eligible for a draw on a squash racquet autographed by **Ned Edwards** (ranked No.2 in North America and a diabetic) and be able to participate in a squash clinic taught by Ned as well.

Ticket purchasers are also invited to attend the Players Party at the Convention Centre the evening of March 28 at the close of the day's games.

For tickets, call the JDF office, 224-2633.

ONTARIO CRAFTS COUNCIL

Ontario Crafts Council announces an exhibition of baskets by **Lois Walpole**, April 2-May 3 at the Craft Gallery, 346 Dundas W., and wood vessels by **Gordon Dunphy**, through April at the Guild Shop, 140 Cumberland St.

RAP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

According to the new Canadian Dictionary of Slang, rap means to open communication with another, to listen, to intervene and help.

This is exactly what volunteers do, on a one-to-one basis with people involved in the Rehabilitation Action Program of the Canadian Mental Health Association.

Volunteers are urgently needed to work within a caring and helping profession.

. For more informtion please call the Volunteer Centre at 481-6194.

for seniors

Beth Sholom Seniors, 1445 Eglinton Ave. W., invite you to a meeting with entertainment and refreshments, 7.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1. Admission is $1 for members, $2, non-members. Publicity chairman is **Eve Donsky**, 782-1068.

Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus Fifty, 1700 Bathurst St., looks forward to an afternoon with songs, skits and dances by the Creative Musical Variety Show, 1.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31. Coffee and cake are served. Cost to non-members of the club is $1.50.

Join members of the **Workmen's Circle Social Club**, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., for lunch and entertainment, starting at noon on Tuesday, March 31. Come out and help **Shirley Grotell** plan spring and summer trips. Everyone is welcome.

Through the Looking Glass: A Look into the Arab Mind, is the topic to be explored when **Helen Cooper** speaks at a meeting of **Holy Blossom Temple Alumni**, 1950 Bathurst St., 1.30 p.m., Wednesday, April 1.

Creative Arts Department of the Wagman Centre and the **North York Board of Education** are sponsoring the following classes: Drawing and Painting with **John Hansplant**, 10 weeks, beginning Monday, April 6 from 1-3.30 p.m.; Pottery with **Dolores Feldman**, 10 weeks, starting Thursday, April 2, from 10 a.m.-noon.

And, The Creative Arts Department of the Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave., invites the public to attend A Driftwood Slide Presentation and Exhibition featuring the work of **Hyman Fisher**, 2.30 p.m., Tuesday, March 31, in the Volunteer Room. Admission is free.

For more information on these Wagman Centre programs contact **Janet Page**, 789-5131, ext. 2939.

The Association of Jewish Seniors (AJS) invites you to its annual second seder at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. (one block west of Bathurst) 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 14. The facilities are under kashruth supervision.

Cost per person is $10 and all seniors in the community will be warmly welcomed. Last day for reservations is April 7.

For more details and reservations, call **Jennie Gilbert**, at the Association of Jewish Seniors, 530 Wilson Ave, 3rd floor, 635-2860.

If you are 55 plus, **North York Senior Walkers** invite you to join them for Sunday morning walks. All walks begin at 9 a.m. and have washroom facilities.

March 29 join the group for a walk through Toronto's underground city. This is a 2½ km. underground walk. Meet under the clock inside Union Station.

CENTRE FOR CREATIVE LIVING

The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is located at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. The phone number is 225-2112.

For the fourth consecutive year, the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living offers **Passover on Wheels** to patients/residents in care facilities. The nutritious well-balanced meal includes a main course, two vegetables, matzoh and dessert. Each meal costs $4.

The meals may be ordered for the full eight days or as few as one or two days as desired.

The centre's kitchen is under the Orthodox Division, Kashruth Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress.

The last day to order is April 3.

For more information phone 225-2112.

Creative Musical Variety Show — the group of popular entertainers from the Centre for Creative Living, directed by pianist-soloist **Elaine Duff** assisted by **Anne Sussman**, announces that on Tuesday, March 31 at 1.30 p.m., it will perform for the Beth Tzedec Friendship Club Plus 50 in the synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. The group rehearses 10-11.30 a.m. every Wednesday at its Centre. Doors are open and all are welcome to join the fun — sing and dance along. For additional details phone 222-0655 or 222-7422.

Reserve now for the Creative Living trip to Montreal and Quebec City, as half the spaces are already filled. The trip includes complete bus transportation, city tours, several meals, a Thousand Islands boat cruise and accommodations in Montreal and Quebec City hotels. Price, $315, is based on two persons sharing a room. This is for members only. For specific information phone **Barbara Zigler**, 225-2112.

Here's another trip for members only - a bus tour of historical homes in the Oakville area and a guided tour of the Ford motor plant. Price, $6.50 does not include lunch. The bus leaves the Bernard Betel Centre at 9.30 a.m., Monday, April 6.

The Friendship Circle for People 55 and Over and On Their Own, will have a Games and Card Evening with prizes for each table, 7 p.m., Thursday, April 2 in the cafeteria. Fee is $1 including coffee, and this is for members only. Further information may be obtained from **Joy Friedman**, 225-2112.

Wednesday Afternoon Social, 1.30 p.m., April 1, in the auditorium, features music and fun with **Jeff King** from Troubadors Unlimited.

Karate Kid is the movie to be screened at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5. Admission is $1 for members, $1.50, guests.

Dance to the lively music of the Creative Band, 7.30-10.30 p.m., Sunday, March 29. Admission is $2 for members, $2.50 for non-members.

Condominium Living: Is It for Me? is a new 2-part mini course to be given by **Anna** and **Sheldon Socket**. They will discuss the pros and cons of condominium living in comparison with apartment rental and the financial implications of purchasing a condo, etc. This is slated for Mondays, March 30 and April 6, from 10.30-11.30 a.m. in the music room. The series is free and open to the public.

singles

For singles information please see the Singles section in the classified ads.

at the jcc

JCC North Y Branch, 4588 Bathurst St., in conjunction with the **Association for Jewish Survival**, presents a unique seminar, Are You Ensuring a Jewish Tomorrow? How to Prevent Intermarriage and Assimilation, scheduled for 7.30 p.m., Sunday, March 29, in Room 101-102. Guest speaker is **Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf**, instructor at Aish Hatorah College of Jewish Studies.

Admission is $1 and refreshments will be served. To inquire further call **Orian**, 636-1880.

JCC Valley Singles Centre announces its Singles Social Hotline for 24-hour taped information on happenings in the Jewish Community. Call 889-5101.

Here are some **singles events** at the JCC Valley.

Celebrate Passover at The Valley. A first seder will be conducted under the auspices of the **JCC Valley Singles Network**, 7.30 p.m. April 13 at 7015 Leslie St. Enjoy a kosher dinner with wine for $25 per adult member with card, $28, non-member, $10, children under 12 years. Reservations are essential by April 9. Call **Sally** or **Jodi**, 889-0813 or **Fran**, 494-5898 (daytime).

Welcome spring with April Showers, a dance sponsored by JCC Valley Singles Network, 8.30 p.m. at 7015 Leslie St. Cost is $4 to members with cards, $6, non-members, and there will be a tasty door prize.

About People

RESEARCH GRANT TO LAZIER

Dr. Catherine Lazier, department of biochemistry, Dalhousie University, delivered a public lecture recently at the Lord Nelson Hotel in Halifax. Her topic was International Cooperation in Hormone Research — Report from Rehovot.

Dr. Lazier, born in Galt, Ont. is the first

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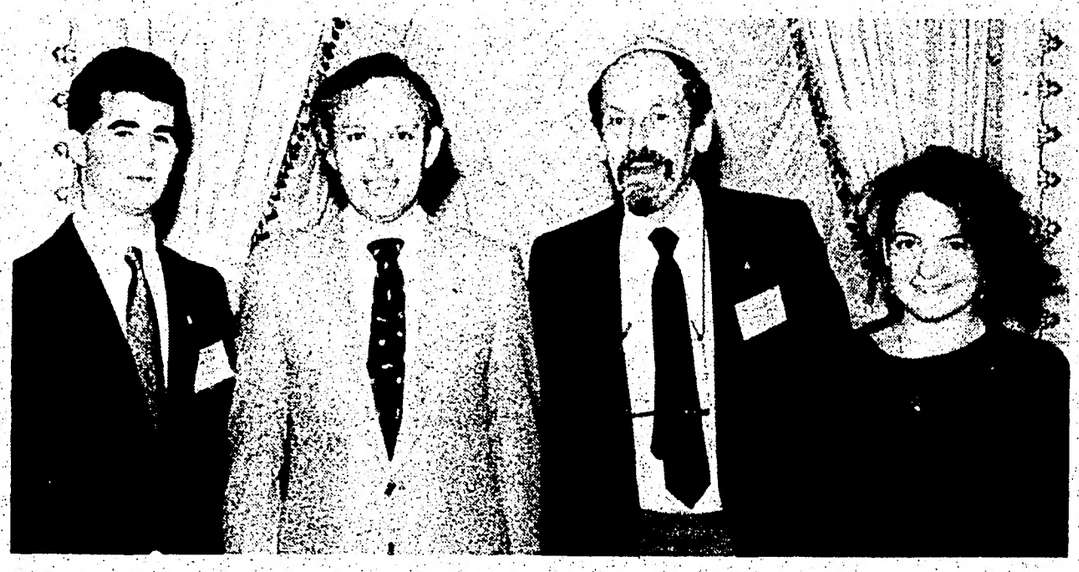

YOUTH MEETING

Participating in the recent annual meeting of the B'nai B'rith Youth Commission in Washington are (left to right): Brian Hafter of Millbrae, Calif., international president of Aleph Zadik Aleph (AZA), boys division of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO); Brian Feldman of Willowdale, representing B'nai B'rith Canada; Herb Leon of Edmonton, representing B'nai B'rith Canada and Suri Duitch of Colorado Springs, B'nai B'rith Girls international president.

HE'S IN TUNE

Popular senior bandleader, violinist Moishe Turk, is still going strong entertaining the community with Yiddish, Hebrew and show music. He is looking forward to a June engagement, playing at a banquet planned by the Hebrew Club for the Blind. Turk is also an entertainment volunteer with the club.

Organizations and People

Anti-semitism rises to surface in Holland: Jewish activist

By
JEFF ROSEN

TORONTO –

While many people view Holland as a law abiding country, its Jewish population is experiencing a growing wave of anti-semitism, says a founder of that country's principal organization which fights anti-semitism.

Nathan Wijnperle, secretary-treasurer of Stiba (Foundation for the Fight Against Anti-Semitism), told The Canadian Jewish News during a recent visit to Toronto that while anti-semitism in Holland has always existed below the surface, it began to surface after the 1973 Yom Kippur War when people started to blame Jews for the Arab oil embargo. To fight this, Stiba came into existence.

"People should be aware of what is going on with discrimination and anti-semitism," said Wijnperle, 61, past president of Hillel Lodge, B'nai B'rith, the largest lodge in Holland. Wijnperle is a survivor of Vught, one of three concentration camps set up by the Germans in Holland during World War II. For the past six years he has worked as a volunteer in the economic department of the Israeli embassy at The Hague.

Wijnperle explained that Stiba is a volunteer organization that "gathers and records anti-semitic incidents, assists in bringing about and improving legislation against discrimination and deals with complaints about anti-semitism through the political and judicial systems."

Beginning with a successful campaign to have the Dutch government enact anti-boycott legislation during the Arab oil crisis in 1973, Stiba has since gone on and taken people to court and had anti-semitic books confiscated. Wijnperle added that many of these books were published in Canada.

As well as fighting anti-semitism in the Dutch media, Wijnperle said Stiba keeps an eye on educational publications. When an anti-semitic one was found recently in the school system Stiba protested and it was withdrawn.

Wijnperle said that probably the most serious problem at the moment is religious anti-semitism. He said there are certain sects of Catholics and Protestants preaching anti-semitism and publishing anti-semitic brochures.

When Lucas and Jenny Goeree, a Dutch couple belonging to a Protestant sect, were found to be publishing thousands of anti-semitic brochures, Stiba took them to court and they were convicted. As a result, all their possessions were confiscated and they were forbidden from continuing to publish the offending material.

However, Wijnperle said, the couple managed to obtain funding from an unknown source and began publishing and distributing 300,000 brochures last month. Stiba has again brought the matter to the attention of the public prosecutor.

Wijnperle said the brochures state that "the Jews can principally blame themselves for what happended to them during the Holocaust. They killed Christ and proclaimed that his blood comes onto us and our children. And that is exactly what has happened to the Jews all through the centuries."

To make such prosecutions easier to obtain, Wijnperle said Stiba is working with the Dutch justice department to change the law dealing with anti-semitism. While Dutch law currently prohibits discrimination and anti-semitism, there must be proof that an offender committed the crime deliberately. This is often difficult to prove and Stiba would like such offenders prosecuted without having to prove intent.

This working relationship with the justice department exists throughout the Dutch government, Wijnperle said. While the government recognizes and supports Stiba, he said budgetary restraints prevent it from offering financial support.

The Jewish community is sympathetic to Stiba's cause, but only a "handful" of local Jews actually contribute.

As well as maintaining good contacts with the Dutch government, Wijnperle said Stiba has close connections with Israeli government officials and a "very good relationship" with the World Jewish Congress and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

For more information on Stiba write to POB 2009, 3000 CA Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

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recipient of a research grant from an endowment fund to foster collaborative research between medical personnel at Dalhousie and the Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel.

She is president of the Canadian Biochemical Society, and serves as scientific officer on the Endocrinology Grants Committee of the Medical Research Council of Canada.

SHIME CHAIRS GRIEVANCE BOARD

Ontario labor minister **William Wrye** has announced the appointment of **Owen Shime** as chairman of the Crown Employees Grievance Settlement Board for a 2-year term.

This is the agency which adjudicates employment disputes between the government and its organized employees.

Shime, a lawyer, has had extensive experience with mediation and arbitration in both the private and public sectors. He has served as a vice-chairman of the Ontario Labor Relations Board; as chairman of the Education Relations Commission and the College Relations Commission and, most recently, as chairman of the Ontario Public Service Labor Relations Tribunal.

WINS POETRY AWARD

Associated Hebrew Schools Finch Ave. Branch student **Sheri Dankevy** has won an award for a poem she submitted to the annual Royal Canadian Legion Remembrance Day Literary and Poster Contest.

Sheri Dankevy

Other award winners from Associated Schools Finch Ave. Branch, are **Amy Mizrachi** and **Anita Zagorski**, who won for their posters.

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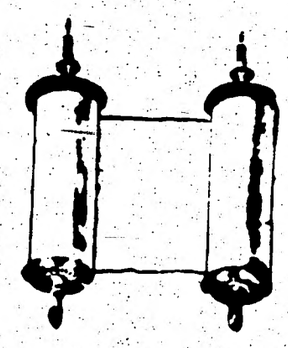

sparks from the torah

By
RABBI MEIR URI GOTTESMAN

Parshat Hachodesh/Parshat Vayakhel-Pekuday

Blessings come from us, from our own actions, our own goodness.

A certain brilliant rabbi had a wife who was . . . difficult.

Once she served him a Sabbath meal that was terrible. When he dared to criticize, she heaped curses on his head.

"You are making a mistake," he explained. "After a meal you are supposed to 'bench' (bless), not curse. . . ."

* * *

The long winter is over; spring is here. This Sabbath we announce the new month of Nisan. Passover comes in a few weeks.

God showed Moses the new spring moon and announced: "Hachodesh hazah **lachem** . . . This month is **for you** the beginning of months. . . ."

Strange . . . why mention "lachem," for you! Of course for you. For whom else?

But — explains Reb Zvi of Zalushitz — this new month of redemption, this Nisan, is **lachem**, for you, by you, of you. It is in your hands. Redemption from Egypt and from all suffering is in your hands.

Adds the Pirchei Levanon: Hachodesh hazeh **lachem**, this new month is for you, for yourself! How? When Jews labored in Egypt day and night, what did they see from all their work? The wealth went to others. Now, it is for you! You will be independent, in your own land! What you accumulate will stay with you."

* * *

A Jew decides what his fate will be — holy, or plain; up or down; with God, or alone.

Consider . . . there was a special commandment for the very first Passover. Every Jew counted himself in for a Pascal lamb. How was it eaten? "Va'achaltem oto bi'cheepazon . . . Eat it in a rush! 'Hurry!'

What was the rush? God had time. The Egyptians could not harm them. Why hurry?

But — explains Reb Tzadok of Lublin — it teaches how a Jew draws close to God. Sometimes a Jew sinks into 49 gates of impurity, just like the Israelites of Egypt. Then from somewhere he feels a flash of emptiness, of teshuvah, of wanting to return.

Don't wait! Bicheepazon! Jump into a mitzvah, even if it is wild, impulsive! Run away from a bad habit!

Later, however, once a person acquires good qualities, then the rush must slow down. Judaism must be gained gradually, step by step — not too quickly or extremely, not in a Judaism that rips a youngster away from his family and alienates his friends, but a constant, quiet Kiddush Hashem.

The first Passover meal was eaten bicheepazon, quickly, impulsively. But the Pesach lidorot, the Passover that lasted through history was eaten calmly, joyously, with maturity.

A Jew is greater even than an angel. An angel is an omaid, standing, always the same. A Jew must be a holech, rising, rising, rising.

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Which Jew can say, "I've done enough: I am good enough!" Charity sanctifies us all. Please remember as we enter this joyous period, hundreds of lovely, struggling families in Israel with little children needing food, clothing, shelter, Passover needs. Please contribute to the Monthly Fund, c/o Rabbi Meir Gottesman, 3173a Bathurst St., Toronto M6A 2B1. Every penny goes to the poor, and a tax receipt is issued.

First woman citizen member

Kerbel ready for TTC challenge

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

The recently named first woman citizen member of the Toronto Transit Commission credits her appointment to her experience in committee work, her public relations background and the fact that she runs her own business.

"I'm bottom-line oriented and can bring a strong management approach to the commission," says Carole Kerbel. "I'm also a good idea person — you have to have the spark of creativity in my business."

Volunteer work — particularly in public relations and publicity — for Hadassah, B'nai B'rith and the Beth Tzedec Congregation led Kerbel to freelance as a public relations consultant.

Now she is head of Kerbel Communications Group, a public relations-marketing-advertising firm that she started in 1974. The firm now employs 12 and handles a variety of clients, many of which are in the health care field.

Kerbel, who had originally trained to be a physio- and occupational therapist says she was "the first of my (female) contemporaries to actually go into business by myself."

She recently ended her vice-chairmanship of the Metro Toronto Zoo board, and is a City of Toronto appointee to the board of trustees of Toronto General Hospital.

Kerbel's role on committees often involves public relations activities. She said that her role on the TTC will probably come to involve the same.

She said there are several issues facing the commission that are of particular interest to her. Recently she was involved in discussion on the possibility of introducing special fares for post-secondary students.

Kerbel is married to Toronto lawyer Harvey Kerbel and has three children.

Carole Kerbel

Israel must understand Arab world view: prof.

By
CAROLYN BLACKMAN

TORONTO —

In order to deal with the Arabs, Israel must realize that they have a different way of seeing the world than Jews, says a Hebrew University professor.

Mordechai Nisan, who teaches at the university's Rothberg School for Overseas Students says that when Jews first came to Israel they assumed that dealing with the Arabs would be easy.

"They thought that the Arabs would appreciate having Jews in their midst because Jews could share their technical knowledge with them," said Nisan who spoke recently at Beth Tikvah Synagogue at a lecture sponsored by Canadian Friends of Hebrew University.

"Israel had to appreciate however, that Arabs see things in a different light," said Nisan. "Things we may consider irrational may be seen as imperative to the Arabs."

He said that whereas Jews are concerned with economic and agricultural development the Arabs put pride first "Even if they are poor they want the country to themselves."

The professor added that their culture is different and Israelis must ask: "Do they see peace the same as we do — by honoring an agreement?"

Nisan said Zionists "want to deal with issues like modern man. They want to share technical advances with the Arabs and develop dialogue."

He said however that Israelis forget that Arab leaders do not style themselves as modern men. "They have carried an historic identity into the modern world and are proud of their heritage. Where Israel has modern ideas, Arabs have traditional ideas."

The professor said that Arabs have a deep sense of history and we must develop an understanding of where they are coming from."

He said that once Israelis can look at the world through their eyes, the way to coexistence may be easier.

ORT chapter honors couple

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG —

Winnipeg Women's ORT's Tikvah Chapter recently celebrated its 13th birthday with the establishment of a scholarship fund in honor of Tom and Razelle Kovnats on their 40th anniversary.

Since 1979, Razelle Kovnats has served as executive director of Winnipeg Women's ORT. She brings to her position 30 years of involvement and experience in ORT and other volunteer endeavors in the community.

Kovnats has served as president of the Winnipeg Alon Chapter, president of the organization's Winnipeg Region and national vice-president.

Her record also includes a term as a Hadassah chapter president, president of the River Heights Community Centre, president of the Women's Committee of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and social chairman of the International Conference on Smoking and Health in Winnipeg.

Most recently, she has also been president of Winnipeg AM, a professional organization whose objective is to promote the city.

In 1982, Kovnats was awarded recognition as the Winnipeg YWCA's Woman of the Year in the management category.

Kovnats' husband, Tom, is equally involved in community work, often alongside his wife. He was also active in the River Heights Community Centre and is currently involved in B'nai B'rith and serves as chairman of the Visitor Information Program of Winnipeg AM.

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2:15 - 3:30

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Canadian Jewish Congress tells Ontario Legislature

End Sunday restrictions on Jewish businesses

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —
Canadian Jewish Congress has urged the Ontario Legislature to remove restrictions on Jewish businesses open on Sunday.

In a written submission to the Select Committee on Retail Store Hours, Congress recommended that "work-force size and space limitations in the Sabbath exemption be totally removed."

The Retail Business Holidays Act as it now stands "is too limiting and discriminatory," Congress suggested. "It excludes large retailers outright and, indirectly, it might well serve as an impediment to possible expansion by mid-size retailers. The legislation is in effect declaring that some Sabbath-observant retailers (smaller and mid-size) are more equal than others (large size)."

Under the present legisation, upheld by the Supreme Court of Canada in a 6-1 decision in December, businesses that close on Saturday can open on Sunday if they restrict their floor space and number of employees. The court, in trying to strike a balance between the rights of Saturday-observers and employees who desire a day of rest, stated the legislation infringes on constitutional rights to freedom of religion but the violation is "demonstrably justified in a free and democratic society."

According to Congress spokesman Manuel Prutschi, the select committee is studying possible changes and refinements to the RBHA to take into account divergent views in the province about Sunday shopping restrictions.

The committee received 440 written and oral presentations from religious groups, unions and retailers in cities throughout the province, according to Lynn Mellor, clerk of the committee. Its report should be tabled by June, she said.

The Congress view was articulated in a written report submitted recently to the committee by Charles Zaionz, chairman of CJC, Ontario Region, and Rose Wolfe, chairwoman of Ontario Congress' joint community relations committee.

In its presentation, Congress stated it favored observance of a weekly pause day "out of the Jewish consecration of the Sabbath as well as Jewish sympathy with and concern for the cause of labor and a strong partiality for the notion of family togetherness."

Turning to other holiday days of rest spelled out in the legislation, Congress recommended that minor retailers "be allowed to open on one of the days other than Sunday deemed as holidays in the RBHA."

Noting that the legislation provides for a minimum of eight yearly pause days, many of which coincide with the Christian calendar, Congress stated there are five holidays on the Jewish calendar "on which Sabbath restrictions apply."

In a third recommendation, Congress suggested "that provincial legislation on employment standards be amended so as to allow employees to observe non-work religious holidays without penalty."

Such legislation is consistent with the 1985 Supreme Court "O'Malley" decision and protects employees from discrimination "as a result of their observance of religious holidays," Congress stated.

In the O'Malley case, the court found that Simpsons-Sears, as an unintended by-product of its rules and regulations, discriminated against a Seventh Day Adventist who refused to work on Saturday.

In commenting on that decision, Congress stated "it is important to enshrine in law protection for employees so that, in seeking employment or when already on the job, they not be discriminated against as a result of their observance of religious holidays... The obligation on an employer would not extend beyond that of making a credible effort at reasonably accommodating thee religous requirements of an employee."

Syrian Jewish girls Shabbat Zachor focus

TORONTO —
A plea for continued efforts to effect the emigration of several Jewish girls from Syria to Canada launched Beth Tzedec Congregation's recent Shabbat Zachor (of Remembrance) program.

"Negotiations between Canadian and Syrian diplomats have snagged," **Rabbi Benjamin Friedberg** told a Saturday morning audience of about 1,100 congregants and members of the community at large. "The Syrian authorities have refused to go on, with no explanation given."

He advised individuals to demonstrate their support and encouragement for Canada's efforts through letters to their members of Parliament.

Friedberg also urged continued support for the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund, which buys tefillen, siddurim and other religious articles otherwise unavailable to Jews in Syria. It also helps underwrite some of the costs of emigration.

The work of the fund, as well as of the Canadian Jewish Congress National Committee for Jews in Arab Lands, and the Task Force for Syrian Jews, was lauded by a visiting Middle East expert. "Jews have developed mechanisms for acting effectively in these matters," said **Prof. Alfred Ivry,** of Brandeis University's Near Eastern and Judaic studies department.

While condemning Syria's continued persecution of its 4,500 Jews, Ivry cautioned against any blanket hatred by Jews of Arabs in general.

He said: "we see Judaism as transcending the vicissitudes of history, and refusing to relate even to its enemies on the basis of hatred and implacable enmity.

"Please note. I am not advocating tolerance for the bestial behavior of Assad and his like. We know that the Syrian government has authorized torture and other kinds of barbarity towards its Jewish citizens.

"The Jewish past in Syria, which extends thousands of years, has been disregarded, and the Damascus cemetery desecrated. The Jewish presence in Syria has been rendered untenable, with constant interference at work and school.

"The Jewish future there is doomed, its young women without husbands or permission to emigrate," said Ivry.

A special service commemorated the murder of several young women, who were raped, tortured and mutilated, in aborted efforts over the years to flee Syria. Sephardic guest cantor **Aharon Ben Shushan,** presently serving in New York City, led a kaddish for them.

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Walk for Israel marks 18th year

By
ESTHER MEHR

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Walkers will set out on the 18-km route from Earl Bales Park at 8.30 a.m. Windup checkpoint and Festival locale is the North Branch Jewish Community Centre.

"The Walk is really special this year," says chairman Gloria Clamen. "It's not only the 18th (chai) anniversary of the annual event, it will also serve as the official kickoff to Focus Week, a unique showcase for the Jewish community, organized under the auspices of Toronto Jewish Congress/United Jewish Appeal."

The Festival component, under Barbara Lampcov's chairmanship, has been greatly expanded. A major attraction will be four separate shows put on throughout the day by the Garden Brothers Circus . . . and, of course, the elephant rides.

The underlying theme of this year's Walk for Israel is the raising of funds to help build a day care facility in Toronto's twinned Project Renewal village of Kfar Gvirol. According to Clamen, close to $200,000 was raised in the 1986 Walk. She's confident that the amount will be matched or surpassed in the 1987 Walk.

El Al Airlines is offering a return ticket to Israel as the top prize of the draw for walkers who turn in a minimum $50 at the first checkpoint.

Sponsor booklets will be available for distribution after April 6 at Jewish day schools, synagogues, north and south branches of the Jewish Community Centre, UJA headquarters at 4600 Bathurst St. and other key locations.

Barbara Lampcov stressed that not only those who participate in the Walk, but all members of the Jewish community will be welcome to attend the Festival and enjoy its attractions. Festival activities will get under way at 11 a.m.

This year, more than ever, volunteers are needed in a variety of duties for both the Walk and the Festival. Sign on for several hours by calling 635-2883, ext. 158 or 195.

Walk for Israel and Festival Day chairwomen, Gloria Clamen (left) and Barbara Lampcov have all arrangements well "in hand" for UJA's 18th annual community event.

Jewish community celebration June 19-21

Sudbury has 75th reunion

SUDBURY, Ont. —

Alive for 75! is the theme of the 75th Anniversary Reunion to be held by the small but lively Sudbury Jewish community on the weekend of June 19-21.

"We have been working hard putting together a fun-filled weekend for everyone returning to their old hometown," organizers say.

On Friday, June 19, there will be an evening service at the Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue, 158 John St., followed by "Northern Hospitality" at the Sheraton Caswell Hotel.

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After a kiddush luncheon, there will be a variety of tours of old and new attractions in the city. In the evening there will be a gala banquet and dancing at the hotel.

Sunday activities will include a brunch, more tours and such leisure activities as golf, tennis and fishing.

Registration for the weekend is $95 per person which includes all of the above activities except for sports. Past residents of the Sudbury Jewish community, their children and grandchildren are all welcome to attend. Accommodation is avilable at the Sheraton Caswell Hotel.

"We have attempted to contact as many past residents as possible but hope that if anyone has been overlooked, they will contact us and try to attend," organizers say, adding that so far the response has been "tremendous."

For more information about the reunion, contact Vivian (Ironstone) Field, 891 Grandview Blvd., Sudbury, Ont. P3A 2H3; (705) 566-1214.

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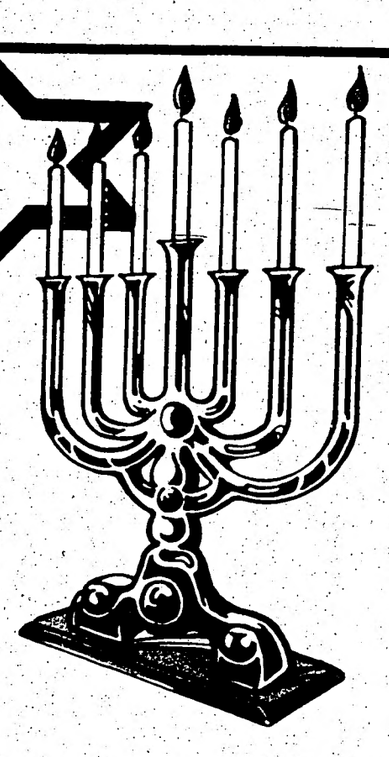

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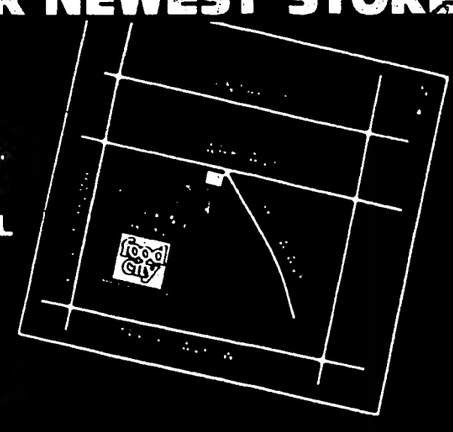

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Frat raises $400,000 to aid dental school

TORONTO —

Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University recently held a reception at Global TV to highlight Toronto Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity's fund raising campaign.

Members of the fraternity, who attended the reception hosted by Paul Morton, president of the Toronto chapter of the Canadian Friends, and campaign chairman Dr. Jerome Giblon, have raised $400,000 of their $700,000 commitment towards the cost of a complete clinical floor at the university's new School of Dental Medicine.

Dr. Barry Chapnick, president of the fraternity, reported on his recent visit to the university and dental school and the status of the construction.

The dedication of the new building will take place May 6 to May 8 and members of the fraternity are planning on accompanying Dr. Hart and Marilyn Levin on their biennial trip to Israel for the ceremony.

Tel Aviv University's dental school began with the retraining of Russian dentists arriving in the early 1970s. Operating from a modest Army dental clinic at Tel-Hashomer, the fledgling institution received help from Alpha Omega in relocating to a temporary building on the main university campus as part of the Sackler School of Medicine.

Designed for classes of 12 students, this facility turned out graduating classes of 24 dentists through double shifts of students and faculty.

The new permanent home for the School of Dental Medicine will accommodate a 3-year graduate program for an annual graduating class of 48 dentists.

Plans nearly foundered on the rock of the recession in the early 1980s and the war in Lebanon, but Alpha Omega Fraternity rose to the occasion by means of a $4 million completion campaign.

Graduates of the school are committed to serving 3 years in Kupat Cholim clinics in underserved areas of Israel. This will help address the dire need for improved dental health care throughout the country.

Those interested in joining the group tour in May can call the Canadian Friends at 416-486-1125.

Associated pioneers new Chumash text

By MARK DODICK

Rabbi Akiva Egozi

TORONTO —

A new program has been started at Associated Hebrew Day Schools to help children with learning difficulties and keep them in the school.

Rabbi Akiva Egozi, educational consultant to Associated, and a recipient of the Jerusalem Prize two years ago as outstanding educator of the Disapora, invented the program.

Chumash had been taught for many years at the school, Egozi says, and teachers observed that some children had learning problems that discouraged them from continuing their studies.

"These are not necessarily children with low intelligence, but they have problems with language aptitude," the rabbi says.

"Since Hebrew subjects are taught in Hebrew they found it difficult to master the subject, and as a result many children dropped out."

The conventional response to such problems in the past, says Egozi, had been some form of extra tutorial or remedial help. But the limitation to that approach, he says, is that it did not "bridge the gap."

So Egozi created a series of Chumash workbooks which translated the original text into simple modern English and modern Hebrew line by line.

The books are arranged in the form of lessons and each lesson has exercises and games designed to help the child learn the Hebrew vocabulary, content and judgment.

The books correspond to the (sedra) weekly portions of the Torah, and so far five books have been created. Each month, a new one comes out.

The books not only allow children to continue learning independently (even if sick at home), says Egozi, but also enable parents with a poor Hebrew background to take active roles in their children's education.

"This is really something new in the field," says Egozi. "Nothing like this has been done by any school as far as I know. It's a pioneering venture by which other schools will benefit, we hope."

The program started this year with the grade 3 classes at the Finch and Leslie branches of the school, and about 150 students are using it. Egozi plans for it to eventually run up to grade 6, and hopes other schools will someday want to use it.

"Other students can benefit from the books, but for the experiment, the teachers are using it just for those children with difficulties," he says.

Though a final report on the effectiveness of the new program will not be available for another month or two, Egozi says preliminary findings indicate a very positive response.

"The feedback from parents and teachers is encouraging. The parents praise it because they feel it's a great help to make their children love their studies and progress in their Hebrew subjects."

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TORONTO —

Students from all over the world, including many Canadians, are expected to participate in this year's English language summer program at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

According to Mimi Penciner, director of Academic Affairs of Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, the program offers courses for every interest, "not quite from A to Z, but in every subject from Archeology to Yiddish."

Canadian dollars are accepted at par with American currency for tuition payments, and all courses are accredited by North American universities.

Penciner said she is "quite excited by this summer's offerings.

"Not only are new areas being covered, but the summer school, in general, offers students the opportunity to do something unique in the world: Spend part of the summer in Jerusalem, and work towards their North American degrees at the same time.

"Studying a discipline in a country that is living it is incredibly rewarding," she said, adding that in addition to 30 courses in such areas archaeology, Mideast studies and Jewish studies (and others), the university is offering summer courses in Dance and Medicine.

Experienced dancers with a minimum of three to four years of formal dance training are eligible to participate in an intensive dance program offered by the Jerusalem Rubin Academy of Music and Dance through the Hebrew University.

The program, on three levels, consists of daily classes in classical ballet and modern jazz. Additional subjects, including jazz, character dance and choreography, are also offered as part of the program.

Concurrent with the dance program is a Theatre Dance Seminar, a survey course in the development of theatrical dance from its origins in court dance through the cultural revolutions of the 20th century.

Physicians, biomedical students and medical students will be able to take part in the first medical courses offered by the Rothberg School.

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For more information, contact Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, 1 Yorkdale Rd., Suite 208, Toronto M6A 3A1, or phone (416) 789-2633.

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Wife beating woes affecting Jews, too

By
GAYE LEFEBVRE

TORONTO —
Wife beating occurs in Jewish families to the same extent as in non-Jewish families, says an authority on domestic violence.

Barbara Harris, the director of a New York shelter for Jewish battered wives, estimates that 20% of all marriages, Jewish and non-Jewish, have battering, in contrast to the Canadian government's statistic of one in 10.

Harris was the keynote speaker at a recent program on violence in Jewish homes sponsored by the Jewish Women's Federation and the Jewish Family & Child Services, attended by about 250 people.

"Jewish women are coming out of the closet for the first time," said Harris, and the Jewish community, which has refused to acknowledge the problem, "must open their minds and hearts to the victims."

Harris said that Jewish women endure battering for a longer period of time than non-Jewish women — an average of 14 years or more compared to four to eight years.

According to Harris, there are many reasons a Jewish woman stays for so long: overwhelming community pressure to maintain the family at all costs; reluctance to damage the reputation of the Jewish community; and feelings of failure and incompetence as a wife and mother.

The Jewish wife also stays because she has nowhere to go. She suffers from low self-esteem, thinks she cannot function outside the home and is usually socially isolated by her husband, said Harris.

Legal hurdles

Geraldine Waldman, a Toronto family lawyer, said that while there has been improvement in the support system in the last 10 years for the battered wife, it takes a "heroic" effort to leave the home. A woman faces tremendous hurdles in the legal system, in finding a place to live and getting money, she added. And there is no kosher facility for women to go to in Toronto.

A member of the audience spoke out saying she was a battered wife but her biggest battle was getting help and support from the Jewish community. "My greatest scars are from the Jewish people," she said.

Children are the "silent victims of abuse" and have a greater chance of becoming abusers and victims, said Harris.

Another woman in the audience said she was a daughter of a battered wife and talked about the devastating effect of that on her life. "It is vital there be groups, dialogues and workers for the children," she said.

There is nothing a battered wife could do or say to cause a husband to be violent, or to stop him from beating her, said **David Currie,** a social worker at the Clarke Institute who runs a program for abusive husbands.

His program's therapy aims to help an abusive husband realize he alone is responsible for the violence.

Currie said it is a myth that abusive husbands are violent to others or out of control. Usually, it is confined to his wife, and is deliberate: "He calculates the instrument, the damage and the duration of the incident."

The home is statistically a dangerous place for women, said Waldman. Ten to 30% of police calls involve spousal violence and there are an average of 33 violent incidents before the police are called. "Women are more likely to be hurt in their own home than on the worst streets of Toronto," she said.

Journalist **Arlene Perly-Rae,** who introduced the panel, said wife battering affected all social and income levels.

Program participants (from left) Arlene Perly-Rae, Barbara Harris, David Curry and Geraldine Waldman pointed out universality of domestic violence. [Lightwaves photo]

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Building named for Heaps

By
MYRON LOVE

WINNIPEG — Manitoba's NDP government chose Heritage Day, Feb. 16, to recognize its own heritage in officially unveiling the new A.A. Heaps Building in honor of the longtime CCF member of Parliament and a Labor Zionist.

Born in Leeds in 1885, Heaps came to Winnipeg around 1910 and quickly became active in the trade union movement.

Combining his Jewish beliefs and social values, he became the Winnipeg Upholsterers' Union delegate to and statistician of the Trade and Labour Council and secretary of the council's politiical arm, the Labour Representation Committee.

He was elected an alderman on his third try in 1917 and served for eight years. A leader of the Winnipeg General Strike in 1919, Heaps was charged with seditious conspiracy. He pleaded his own case and was acquitted.

As a CCF member of Parliament from 1925-40, representing Winnipeg's North End, he championed progressive social legislation, in particular old age pensions and unemployment insurance. During the 1930s, he fought for a less restrictive immigration policy and more humane treatment of refugees.

It is coincidence that the first stage of the building named for him was completed the year he settled in Winnipeg. The irony is that the building was erected by a bank.

Completed in 1927, the building in downtown Winnipeg served, until two years ago, as the main branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia here. The building's most striking features were its dome and its exterior of terra cotta, imported from Leeds as was Heaps.

The provincial government bought the building to house some of its offices. Beginning in the summer of 1984, the A.A. Heaps Building has undergone a thorough renovation and retrofitting at a cost in excess of $3 million.

The top two floors were reconstructed to modern office standards, while retaining some of the original features such as terrazzo floors in the corridors, marble borders and bases and the old oak doors. Completely new electrical and mechanical systems were installed.

On the ground floor and mezzanine, an additional staircase and exit were built and the area was brought up to building code requirements. Marble was imported from the same Minnesota quarry which supplied the original for some replication of detail.

The main floor now houses the provincial department of vital statistics while other government offices occupy the other floors.

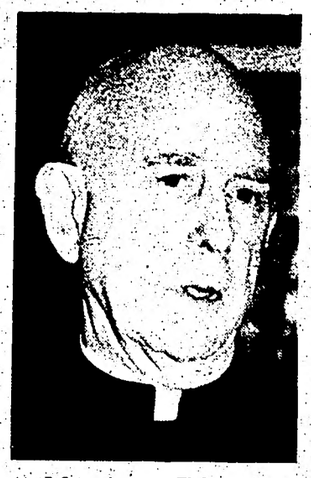
While Heaps has little or no family left in Winnipeg, some of his descendants flew in for the official naming, including his son, who has written Heaps' biography, Radical in the House.

The A.A. Heaps Building in Winnipeg. [Manitoba Historic Resources Branch photo]

Teaching urged to improve ties

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO — The teaching of tolerance and more contact are necessary to improve relations between Christians and Jews, Monsignor Edward Synan of St. Michael's College at the University of Toronto told a recent interfaith gathering.



Monsignor Edward Synan

Spiritual leaders and members of three Christian and three Jewish congregations in the area attended the Neighborhood Interfaith Dinner together at Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

Synan, the guest speaker, addressed the topic, New Directions in Christian-Jewish Relations, and welcomed the dinner itself as an act towards improved ties. "Jews will be better Jews by knowing Christians better, and Christians better Christians by knowing Jews better," he said.

He listed requirements for improving relations between Christians and Jews: teaching tolerance in the home and in schools, and contact and discussion between the two groups.

Synan stressed, however, that Moslems must be included in Christian-Jewish contact. "All three groups believe in the same one God," he said, adding, "After hundreds of years of hostility, one cannot delay now in turning the current."

The congregations represented were the Holy Rosary Church, the Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Grace Church On-The-Hill, Holy Blossom Temple, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation and Beth Tzedec Congregation.

Each congregation shared equal costs in preparing the meal and their spiritual leaders sat together at the head table.

Rabbi Moshe Stern of the Shaarei Tefillah gave the evening's hamotzi blessing. Afterwards he called for genuine acts of support between the Christian and Jewish clergy.

"This (dinner) could either be expressing ourselves truly as a brotherhood or an exercise in futility," the Rabbi said.

Stern asked that church leaders show their support by joining in the call to allow Soviet Jews to emigrate. "We also want to see our Catholic brothers appeal to the Vatican for recognition of the State of Israel," he said.

The dinner was organized by the Beth Tzedec Men's Club. Former club president George Glass was the evening's toastmaster.

Glass stated that he hopes the interfaith meetings will be repeated many times in the future. "At the very least we will have one next year at this time," he said.

Israel artist's tour to benefit college

TORONTO — Israeli artist Yossi Stern, whose graphic watercolors focus on the life and times of Jerusalem, will visit Montreal on April 1 and Toronto on April 2.

The dates launch a North American tour by the artist to help raise funds for the Biotechnical Institute of Israel and publicize the release of his latest work, the Golden Haggadah of Jerusalem.

Yossi Stern

The Biotechnical Institute trains medical technologists in the use of sophisticated hospital equipment. Funds raised in Canada will be used to provide scholarships for students enrolled in the program.

On Wednesday evening, April 1, he will be hosted by the institute's Montreal chapter at the Montefiore Club.

The Toronto chapter will host him at Gallery One, the next evening.

In New York, he will be feted at the United Nations building, by author Elie Wiesel, members of Israel's UN delegation, and the institute's local chapter.

Stern's new haggadah presents the traditional text in calligraphy, with 28 full-page color illustrations, to depict the story of Passover. It will be available at the receptions. Donors of $100 to the institute will receive an autographed copy.

Stern has exhibited throughout Israel, Europe, Africa, and North America. Last year he enjoyed tremendous success with his exhibits in Budapest, Vienna, Geneva and Paris. His acclaimed Spring 86 show on Capitol Hill in Washington included 60 watercolors.

He was the subject of a recent Dutch TV film, *An Artist's Life*. A number of books have been published about his work. His most celebrated album, *People of the Book*, has been published in 12 countries and has been translated into six languages.

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Passover drug list is available from Congress

TORONTO —

Two lists of medications which may, or may not be used on Pesach are, or soon will be available from Canadian Jewish Congress.

The lists, one for physicians and pharmacists, the other covering over-the-counter drugs for the general public, outline the situation for many products, and include information on baby foods, cosmetics, and general halachic guidelines.

The problem with many medications, says pharmacist Murray Shore (who prepared the list for the last five years, and consulted with Congress on the current list) is that they may contain either kitniot (eg. corn starch) or chometz.

Whether or not the medication may be used on Passover will depend, he says, on if it is a case of pikuach nefesh (saving a life), and the medication may require special preparation. Sometimes a variation of a drug may be substituted eliminating conflicts with observance of the holiday, he adds.

Shore points out that the same drug which is prohibited because it is used for only superficial or "cosmetic" purposes (such as Slo-K, a potassium supplement), can be used in a life threatening situation.

Rabbi Mordechai Levin, assistant executive director of the kashruth division of CJC here, says the specialist list includes some 200 of the most commonly used medications; the over-the-counter list names about 50 products.

Levin credits the assistance of Shore, Dr. Howard Langer of Toronto and Rabbi Mordechai Tober of the Montreal Vaad Hair with accumulating and reviewing the information.

For information on special situations not covered by the lists, the kashruth authorities will try to find the appropriate answers, says Levin.

To obtain a copy of the lists or make inquiries in Toronto, phone (416) 635-9550; in Montreal, (514) 739-6363. Lists are also being made available to other communities, Levin adds. For more information, contact local authorities, or Congress in Toronto.

Donations go to fraternity

TORONTO —

Donations in memory of the late Dr. Stanley Sable should be directed to the Alpha Omega Dental Fraternity, his wife told The Canadian Jewish News.

Sable, 57, died recently of a massive heart attack.

Sable, a member of Alpha Omega for 34 years, was the volunteer head of dental services at the old Mount Sinai Hospital for 24 years. "He was loved in the community and his profession," said Sheila Sable.

Sable practiced privately for 29 years in the Bathurst-Eglinton area, and, in the past five years, at Sheppard and Bathurst.

He became a Fellow of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons in 1984.

He is also survived by two daughters, Sheri and Simone, his mother, Anne Sable, and a sister, Estelle Keyfitz.

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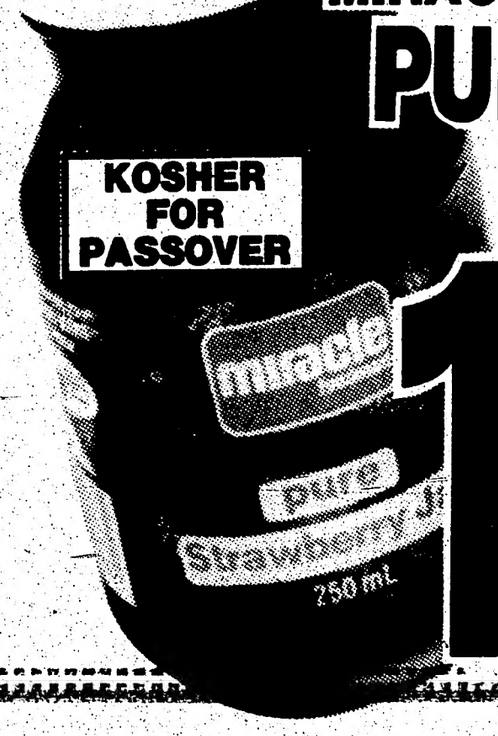

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Organizations and People

Presenting a check to Dr. Ronald Barr (right) are (from left) Rabbi Bernard Baskin, Ian Yanover and Leslie Levitt.

Donation for cancer research

BB lodge honors Baskin

By
MOURA WOLPERT

HAMILTON — Viceroy Reading Lodge, B'nai B'rith recently paid tribute to Rabbi Bernard Baskin of Temple Anshe Sholom by donating a check for $1,000 in his honor to the Childhood Cancer and Leukemia Research Fund of McMaster University's Faculty of Health Sciences.

"It just seemed an appropriate way to say thank you," said past president Leslie Levitt. He was joined by his son-in-law Ian Yanover, immediate past president, and Baskin for the presentation to Dr. Ronald Barr, professor of pediatrics and chief of hematology at Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals, who accepted the donation for the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Program.

The program serves a population of over 1 million people in the McMaster Health care region.

Baskin has been a member of Viceroy Reading Lodge for many years and "he's just a doggone good fellow, a good friend and we like him," is how Levitt put it.

"He's done the invocation for our Sports Night for many, many years and he always does it with class and dignity. Basically, it was a way of honoring and thanking him for being available to us over these many years."

Barr hopes the fund will grow large enough to provide salary support for research technologists and fellowships for health professionals who intend to build careers in the area of childhood cancer.

"Cancer affects one child in every thousand," Barr said, "but now the majority can be cured. This success has a profound impact on society; if a 5-year-old is cured of malignant disease he can look forward to 75 years of productive life."

Shul holds first bris in more than 25 years

TORONTO — **Beth Lida Congregation, a small shul in the Eglinton-Chaplin Cresc. area, hosted its first brit milah in over 25 years.**

"Basically, this means that young people — and there are many who have moved into the neighborhood recently — are more than welcome here," said longtime member Harry Kaye.

The shul, which was founded downtown in 1919, moved to its present location, 22 Gilgorm Ave., in the early 50s.

Kaye and Sidney Schlussel, who also lives nearby, have been organizing the Orthodox synagogue's services, on Shabbat and festivals, for a number of years now.

Kaye has often gone from door to door to recruit the one or two adults needed to make up a Saturday afternoon minyan and share in the seuda shlishit's honey cake, herring and l'chaim.

The brit milah was a particular source of naches to Schlussel, 85, of the Baycrest Centre. The child, Raphael Chaim haLevi, is his second great-grandchild, the first son of Dr. Michael and Temmie (nee Grafstein) Chernick.

Schlussel, who has been in Baycrest for over a month now, was honored last fall for his decades of work in delivering meals on wheels.

The brit was performed by Dr. Yehuda Shields, a friend of the family, who also conducted the morning service that preceded. "This is the first time I didn't have to wait for the mohel," quipped one attendant.

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Mendel Green (left), co-chairman of the Massuah Canada House project, and Harvey and Renee Solursh, members of the executive committee, discuss plans for the project and upcoming dinner.

Education about Holocaust

Study centre funds sought

By SHEILA DROPKIN

TORONTO — Canadian friends of the Massuah School of Holocaust Learning have embarked on a campaign to raise $350,000 to establish an audio-visual centre at the school. Israel will match the funds raised in Canada.

Established in 1965 on Kibbutz Tel Yitzchak, on the Sharon Plain near Tel Aviv, Massuah has as its mandate the dissemination of the history and truth about the Holocaust to students and young adults from Israel and the rest of the world.

Vital to the school's program are the personal presentations made by Holocaust survivors. Since many of them are now reaching old age, the school and the government have deemed it vital to get their stories on film in order to preserve them for the future.

Speaking at a reception held at the home of Renee and Harvey Solursh to launch the campaign, Mendel Green, co-chairman of the project with his wife, Helen, urged the assembled guests to support it for their own sakes and that of their children and grandchildren. Citing the evidence of rising anti-semitism in Canada and the publicity given to Holocaust deniers such as Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra, Green emphasized the importance of getting the truth about the war years to current and future generations of youngsters.

"Massuah actually changed my life," he said, "and it's turned my children in a direction I could never have managed by myself. Visiting the school made a profound impression on all of us. We met with some of the Holocaust survivors who speak to the participants of the program and, within an hour, we were all crying. I had never expected to see my children become such ardent Zionists as they have as a result of that experience."

At Massuah Jewish and non-Jewish participants are put through a rigorous 3-day program of seminars and discussion sessions, learning about the background of the Holocaust, the resistance movement, rescue efforts and results.

All inductees in the Israel Defence Forces are sent there as a matter of course and many high schools now include the program as a regular part of their social studies courses. Many high school and university students, as well as adults, from North America, Europe and South Africa attend the school during visits to Israel.

To date, approximately 75,000 people have taken the course. The school has an existing student body of 4,000 per year and plans to expand its facilities so that this can be doubled.

The concept of Massuah was conceived in Toronto by Gideon Hausner, prosecutor at the Eichmann trial, Alex Grossman, Louis Ronson and Rabbi David Monson. There is also a group of Montrealers who will be involved in the current campaign.

Funds are being raised through personal pledges and through the sale of tickets for a dinner, scheduled for Wednesday evening, June 17 at the Constellation Hotel, at which Elie Wiesel, Nobel Prize Laureate, will be guest speaker.

A commemorative Hall of Honor is being planned, in which portraits of distinguished contributors will be displayed in perpetuity.

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Technion picks design for architecture building

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —

Architecture and planning students at the Technion — Israel's only school of architecture — will finally have a new home following the completion last month of a contest to design a building just for them.

Until now, the students have had to use borrowed space in other faculty buildings. That has been the arrangement since the Technion began moving to its new campus on Mount Carmel from downtown Haifa in 1955.

But that will change about 1990 when the first phase (80,000 sq. feet) of the new structure is completed.

However the excitement has already hit a high, contest administrators say, because the two winners, Shimon Pilzer and Chaim Dotan, are young, relatively unknown Israeli architects.

They managed to capture what is described as a once-in-a-lifetime project "from the old guard."

Instrumental in realizing the enterprise are two men who live in Canada: Developer David Azrieli of Montreal and internationally renowned architect Barton Myers who maintains his principal office in Toronto.

Seen standing with submitted entries is the jury which chose winning design for the new Technion architecture building. From left are: Avraham Sabludovsky, Abba El-Hanany, Dan Eytan, David Azrieli, Barton Myers, Prof. Gilbert Herbert, Shimon Pozner, Prof. Avraham Wachman.

Azrieli is president of Canpro Investments Ltd. in Montreal and Canit Investments Ltd. in Tel Aviv, builders of Israel's first shopping mall, Canion Ayalon in Ramat Gan.

He was also an architecture student at the Technion, and is president of the Canadian Technion Society.

As the major benefactor of the project, the structure will bear his name to become, The David J. Azrieli School of Architecture and Town Planning Building.

While the Technion itself and some American societies will also help finance the project, the other significant source of funds include Eugene Reisman of Montreal, and the Canadian Technion Society, thus ensuring a strong Canadian contribution to the building.

"It's an enormous undertaking," says Azrieli about the project which will ultimately cost about $17 million, include three phases of construction and have 170,000 sq. feet of space when completed.

He describes the winning submission as a work "that will perhaps have an impact for a hundred years on what Israeli architecture will look like."

The competition (open to Israeli architects and Technion students) to build the new facility drew submissions from more than 80 practicing architects and 20 students.

Last October, an international jury consisting of Azrieli and Myers; Technion professors Gilbert Herbert and Avraham Wachman; Avraham Sabludovsky of Mexico City; Shimon Pozner (chairman); Abba El-Hanany and Dan Eytan, was formed to review the entries.

From that first phase of the competition, seven finalists emerged. The jury then reconvened in February to look at more detailed designs, photographs and models and make their decision.

And though it was difficult because of the high standard of submissions, says Azrieli, the jury chose Pilzer and Dotan. They also chose two student winners: Shula Adler and Alona Nitzan.

About the design which he helped choose, Barton Myers says, "I think there was a split between the two finalists, although I think everybody was very happy with the final choice.

"The dilemma for the jury," says Myers whose professional honors and accomplishments are legion, "is, are you choosing a scheme or an architect? In this case you are really choosing the architect."

The jury knew, he says, that the final design would likely go through many revisions, and so they looked at submissions for indications of flexibility on the part of the architects.

Myers, whose only previous trip to Israel was in 1985 as a guest panelist at the Harvard Graduate School of Design Jerusalem Seminar, described the Technion site as being very interesting.

"It's high enough that one gets a view of the sea and the old city of Haifa. The siting is very central to the campus, and there are beautiful trees that the architect had to deal with in addition to an existing building and two pedestrian cross axes."

The design (a photograph of the model should be available by June, says Azrieli) centres on one major courtyard and a series of internal smaller courtyards.

It cannot be categorized as post-modernism, says Myers, but comes closer to "new wave Japanese works" in terms of its high degree of organization; attention to construction (in reinforced concrete and stone); and its austerity.

"This is (renowned American educator and architect, Louis) Kahn to Japan to Israel," he says, trying to convey the building's style.

Myers, whose ancestors "Christianized" at the time of the American Civil War and is not a Jew , recently won an architectural design contest himself.

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Far-flung "graduates" of No. 2091

Famed Montreal BB lodge will hold reunion

MONTREAL — Lower Canada Lodge No. 2091 of B'nai B'rith will hold a 30th anniversary reunion June 13 at the Elm Ridge Golf and Country Club on Ile Bizard.

Although the lodge was in existence only 15 years, it earned an enviable record of community service and many of its "graduates" went on to prominence in business, professions and volunteer organizations.

The anniversary is actually a little late; the lodge was founded June 13, 1956, one of the first for young men in Montreal. Over its history, more than 400 men joined the lodge.

Many of the former members no longer live in Montreal, said lawyer William Miller, who chairs the reunion's organizing committee. So far, the committee, which has been meeting regularly since September, has been able to trace and reach about 300 former members.

Those that have not been reached are asked to send their name, address and telephone number to the secretary of the organizing committee, Sam Nachshen, 5115 Trans Island Ave., Suite 200, Montreal, H3W 2Z9; tel. (514) 487-1566.

Alumni have been found as far away as the African nation of Zimbabwe, as well as parts of Europe. Some now living in Vancouver, Atlanta, Denver, Los Angeles and Florida have already indicated they will attend.

Projects being planned in connection with the reunion, on the theme A Bit of Nostalgia, include the production of a video on the lodge's history, the publication of a souvenir book and the collection of photos and mementos to be displayed at the reunion.

Some former members of Lower Canada Lodge are: Marvin Corber, 1986 general chairman of Combined Jewish Appeal; Harvey Crestohl, a past president of B'nai B'rith District 22; Harry Bick, current president of B'nai B'rith Canada; Lester Adilman, vice president of Merrill-Lynch Corp.; and Austin Beutel, founder and president of Dynamic Funds of Canada.

The lodge supplied many leaders to B'nai B'rith agencies: the B'nai B'rith Youth Organization, Camp B'nai B'rith and the Hillel Foundation.

Miller, the charter president of the lodge who served as president from 1956-58, was recently appointed to the Canadian Human Rights Commission tribunal.

Joining him and Nachshen on the organizing committee are: Steve Abramson, Harry Bick, Seymour Rimer, Frank White, Milton Winston (who all served as lodge president), Marcus Baum, Issie Fishman, Ed Hersey, Arnold (Dillie) Hollinger, Jay Kazenel, Larry Levi, Art Levitt, Harold Ludwick, Morty Rosenthal and Bill Shubert.

Among the projects the lodge sponsored were annual sports nights for veterans at Queen Mary Hospital, Christmas parties at Ste. Justine children's hospital and St. Valentine dances at Verdun Protestant Hospital. The lodge was a strong supporter of Combined Jewish Appeal, blood drives and B'nai B'rith's anti-defamation work.

The lodge also raised a lot of money for Israel. Any proceeds from the reunion will go to local or Israeli philanthropies.

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Healthwatch

New chemical concoction alleviates bone loss

Compiled by
DAVID BIRKAN

Bone loss among middle aged women is best alleviated by a regimen of calcium-estrogen supplements begun immediately after the onset of menopause, according to a U.S. researcher.

Dr. Bruce Ettinger, an endocrinologist at the San Francisco Kaiser Medical Centre, reported in a recent issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine that a daily intake of 1,500 mg. of calcium combined with 0.3 mg. of estrogen prevents mineral loss in the spine, with a minimum of side effects.

His 2-year study of 73 postmenopausal women found the combination considerably more effective than calcium or estrogen alone.

Treatment should begin as early as possible, he added, because once the production of natural estrogen stops, spinal mineral loss can be as high as 5% a year.

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An effective vaccine against chicken pox developed in Japan could be licenced for use in Canada within the next two years, a recent Canadian Public Health Association conference on immunization was told.

Data on the vaccine was presented in Toronto by Dr. David Sheifele, associate professor of pediatrics at the University of British Columbia and head of the division of infectious diseases at BC Children's Hospital.

The live Oka strain vaccine appears to work not only on healthy children and adults but on certain patients who have a high risk of infection, like children with leukemia.

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Administering glucose — a standard hospital procedure — to stroke victims may aggravate their brain damage, according to researchers in Hong Kong.

Dr. Edmund Woo of the Queen Mary Hospital and the University of Hong Kong also warned that feeding a fresh stroke patient before bringing him to the hospital could also result in further brain damage.

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Data being accumulated by a University of Toronto study confirms that starchy foods provide a wide rage of health benefits, according to a recent report in the Medical Post.

Starchy foods

"Population studies in different parts of the world suggest that people who eat more starchy foods tend to have less of the degenerative diseases we see in the West," said U of T Prof. David Jenkins.

His study on the slow release of carbohydrates has been the focus of some $750,000 in grants by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, over the past six years.

Nutritionally valuable food that Jenkins recommends includes spaghetti, macaroni, beans, peas, lentils, cracked wheat, bulgur wheat, tabouli, whole grain rye breads, and various products of oats and barley.

Patients suffering from diabetes, cirrhosis and renal diseases experienced some alleviation, with a dietary increase in starches.

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British astronomer Fred Hoyle is urging physicians to prepare for epidemics by "taking smears" from a comet that circles the earth every three years.

He blames the comet Encke for reintroducing whooping cough, a disease that regularly displays new vigor despite a vaccine in 1959 that was expected to wipe out the malady.

When Encke approaches the earth, there is a major epidemic, as in "1918, 1947, 1957, 1967, and 1977," Hoyle wrote in a recent Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine.

Halley's Comet, he added, was found to have an emission spectrum — light signature — almost identical to that of certain bacteria.

Hoyle has long argued for an extraterrestial source for major epidemics.

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A defective sense of smell may signal the onset of Alzheimer's and other aging-related brain diseases, a New York University psychiatrist told a Zurich conference recently.

Loss of the sense of smell is not a normal part of the aging process, according to his research at NYU.

Michael Selby said that his study was sparked by the fortuitous observation that a patient with Alzheimer's recovered his sense of smell once his condition improved.

His research found that only elderly patients suffering from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease demonstrated a significantly less sensitive sense of smell than middle-aged subjects, alcoholics with and without dementia, and healthy aged.

Loss of smell may account for eating problems among Alzheimer's patients, and may put them at risk in detecting dangers like leaking gas, Selby said.

Monitoring patients' sense of smell could also help assess the efficacy of new experimental medication, he added.

Public TV station to broadcast Shoah

Machinery of death chronicled on film

BUFFALO —

Channel 17 (WNED) will premiere Shoah, the 1985 documentary about the Holocaust, on four consecutive evenings, beginning Monday, April 27 at 8 p.m.

The 10½-hour film has been hailed by critics as a "masterpiece" and "one of the greatest documentaries in the history of cinema."

Channel 17's broadcast will include a series of newly-filmed interviews with director Claude Lanzmann on the planning, execution, and meaning of the film. Interviewer is U.S. print and broadcast jounalist Roger Rosenblatt.

"Without a single frame of archival footage, the film evokes the horror of the concentration camps," said a WNED spokesman.

Over a period of 11 years, Lanzmann filmed some 350 hours of interviews in 14 countries, including Greece, Israel, Poland, Germany and the U.S.

The film opens with memories of Simon Srebnik, one of two survivors of the camp at Chelmno, Poland, where 400,000 Jews were exterminated over four years. In the interviews that follow — with the few Jewish survivors of the death camps; the Polish farmers and villagers who lived next door to the liquidations; former SS officers and Nazi bureaucrats who oversaw the mass murders, and former freedom fighters who participated in the Warsaw ghetto uprising — the step-by-step machinery of destruction is chronicled in painstaking, unrelenting detail.

Lanzmann serves as a mostly off-screen interviewer, coaxing the remembrances and recollections; some painful and tearful, others frighteningly cheerful.

Many of the interviews, including one with a former SS official at Treblinka, were photographed and recorded surreptitiously by Lanzmann, who posed as a French historian eager to "restore the balance of truth" to the era.

Lanzmann, who fought in the French Resistance during World War II, worked as a journalist for many years in association with the philosopher Jean-Paul Sartre on the magazine Les Temps Modernes before he turned to filmmaking in 1970. He has made one other documentary, *Why Israel*, which appeared in 1973.

Remnants photos at Beth Tzedec

TORONTO —

An exhibition of photographs published in the book Remnants: The Last Jews of Poland will be on display at the Beth Tzedec Museum April 30 to May 30.

The photographs are the work of Tomasz Tomaszewski, who with his journalist wife, Malgorzata Niezabitowska, traveled throughout Poland for five years documenting the shrinking Jewish community.

The couple is in the U.S. this year while Niezabitowska studies at Harvard University as a Nieman Fellow.

Organizers say they will be present to open the exhibit on Thursday, April 30 at 8 p.m. A reception will follow and the guests will give a slide show and lecture at 8.30 p.m.

Museum hours are: Sunday, 10 p.m. - 1 p.m.; Monday, 12 noon - 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 12 noon - 6 p.m.; Saturday, 12 noon - 1 p.m.

For more information phone (416) 781-3511.

Torontonians aid Israel shul

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

A synagogue under construction in the Jerusalem suburb of Har Nof promises to be a vital community centre, thanks in part to Toronto supporters.

Rabbi Sholom Gold

So said its principal leader on a recent visit here. Rabbi Sholom Gold, who founded Ner Israel Yeshiva here in 1959, and was spiritual leader of Willowdale's B'nai Torah Congregation from 1966 to 1971, made aliya from Los Angeles in 1982.

Kehillat Zichron Yoseph was named in memory of Toronto's Joseph Silver. His widow Nancy and their children Bonnie and Avrom Silver "are to be heartily thanked for the financial support they have provided," said Gold.

Locally involved in the synagogue are the municipality of Jerusalem, the city's religious council, and the council of Young Israel Synagogues.

The building, which will include a library and offices for the Jerusalem College for Adults — the school for continuing education headed by Rabbi Gold — will be one of the largest synagogues in Jerusalem, with seating for over 500. Nearly 300 people already come to services in temporary quarters. "When the weather is nice, we just move the seats outside," he said.

The synagogue also promises to be an acclimatization aid for religious olim from North America, of which there is a significant number in the new suburb.

Har Nof is in the process of being built on the western edge of greater Jerusalem, on the heights overlooking the highway from Tel Aviv. "It's a lot like the new observant community of Thornhill," said Gold. "There's a lot of observant people and people who aren't observant

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Hillel lobby day in Ottawa held for student Refuseniks

By
WENDY ROSEN

OTTAWA —
One student giving another a helping hand.

That was the purpose of Hillel National Student Secretariat's recent lobby day in Ottawa.

Robert Singer, chairman of the secretariat, said that although the 7-person delegation — composed of representatives from Eastern and Western Canada as well as Jews and non-Jews — addressed the plight of student Refuseniks, it focused on two particular cases, Naomi May and Boris Lifshitz.

Singer said that there are two categories of student Refuseniks: those underage who are tainted because their parents have applied to emigrate and those of college age who have applied on their own.

In some cases like Naomi's the students apply for a specific course, have the marks but are denied entrance because of their parents' application to emigrate. Instead of taking an archeology program, she was forced to enroll in a highway construction course.

Others have to take certain college courses related to the military to get their degree and once they take such courses they can't apply to emigrate for five years because of security reasons.

Boris' case is slightly different. He passed the college entrance exam but was denied a place because of his father's activism. His army medical exemption was revoked and he was conscripted.

"It's a catch 22 situation," Singer said, explaining that individuals who are not students are conscripted into the army and are not eligible to emigrate for five years also for security reasons.

"It's easier for students here to relate to someone their own age and with similar interests," he said, explaining why Hillel, which has representation on 15 universities across Canada, is focusing on students.

The delegation had private meetings on Parliament Hill with Barbara McDougall, minister of privatization, External Affairs Minister Joe Clark and Sharon Wolfe of the Prime Minister's Office.

Singer said both Clark and McDougall were positive and receptive to the information the delegation brought forth. Wolfe said that the information would be passed on to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney.

The delgation had set up a booth in one building on Parliament Hill where MPs could drop by.

"We had arranged for certain MPs to come and others came as well."

Among those MPs who discussed the issue with the students were Bob Kaplan, John Oostrom, Bill Attewell, Sheila Finestone, David Berger, Roland de Corneille, Aideen Nicholson and Ernie Epp as well as ministry of youth assistant Peter Kingstone.

Singer said Hillel main goals were to sensitize the political community to the plight of young Refuseniks and to encourage the government to take a more active role in advocating the release of more than 400,000 Jewish families wanting to leave the Soviet Union.

The delegation was composed of: Singer, Kaenan Hertz, Western Region representative; Michael Gisser, Eastern Region Representative; Iggy Pitt, president of the Student Administrative Council of University of Toronto; Dan Cohen, regional executive member of the New Democratic Youth Council; Marcel Wieder, Hillel's national coordinator; and Genya Intrator, Hillel consultant on Soviet Jewry.

Hillel National Student Secretariat's recent lobby day in Ottawa focused on the problems of student Refuseniks. Pictured during a meeting are (from left): Bill Attewell, chairman Canadian Parliamentary Committee for Soviet Jewry; Iggy Pitt, president, Student Administrative Council at University of Toronto; Robert Singer, secretariat chairman; External Affairs Minister Joe Clark; and Michael Gisser, Hillel's Eastern Region representative. [Denis Drever photo]

Jewish music on CBC

WINNIPEG —
A recent concert here of music by Jewish composers will be broadcast over CBC Radio's Command Performance series, Sunday, March 29 at 2 p.m. Featured are the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the 240-voice Mennonite Oratorio Choir, and Benjamin Maissner, cantor of Toronto's Holy Blossom Temple.

The concert includes:

- Ernest Bloch's Avodath HaKodesh (Sacred Service).
- Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms.
- Choral works by Canadian composer Sid Robinovitch.

The Jewish Post reports that the Bloch work, the focus of the concert, received a standing ovation from a capacity Centennial Concert Hall audience.

Maissner performed Avodath HaKodesh in 1982 at Holy Blossom Temple, along with the York University Chamber Orchestra and the Toronto Concert Singers. He performed it recently with the Guelph University Choir, under the university's auspices.

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We are all Jews, Rabbi Reuven Bulka says

No difference between Orthodox and Reform

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —

To me there are no Orthodox Jews or Reform Jews, we're all Jews, Orthodox Rabbi Reuven Bulka told an audience at Holy Blossom Temple recently.

Bulka is rabbi of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa and author of *The Coming Cataclysm* about the possible future split in the Jewish community between Orthodox and Reform.

His conciliatory remarks on the possibility of coexistence come at a time when tension in the community has been heightened by provocative statements made by the Chief Rabbis in Israel (CJN Feb. 26).

"The only way coexistence is possible is if both Orthodox and Reform realize that we need one another," said Bulka. "Each would be deficient without the other."

And it is not only the split between Orthodox and Reform that threatens the unity of the Jewish people he said. "I could easily be somewhere else speaking of coexistence between Orthodox and Orthodox," he added.

Orthodox Jews should come to accept the Reform movement, he said, because "If people cannot accept Orthodoxy, at least they will have ties with Judaism."

Since only 10% of North American Jews are Orthodox, Bulka continued, without Reform "perhaps there would be more than 10%; but there would be even more *gournishi*."

But Reform Jews also need to gain from Orthodoxy, he stated, observing that there is a push towards traditionalism in the Reform movement.

This quest arises as a matter of Reform's commitment to freedom of choice, said the rabbi.

"Reform has become a theological caterer, presenting a smorgasbord of traditions to the Jewish community.

"By saying to the community, 'take what you like,' the Reform movement has also offered Orthodoxy to their movement — because people can accept all the traditions if they want to."

It is the right wing element in Orthodoxy, those groups ardently pushing for changes to the Law of Return in Israel which are creating divisive issues offensive to Reform Jews and some Orthodox Jews, he said.

However, Bulka hesitated to further discuss the Law of Return arguing that the problem of Jewish unity must be solved in North America.

"We shouldn't transport problems to Israel; we should transport solutions."

Asked how many in the Orthodox community would support his views on rapprochement, Bulka answered: none of the chasidim; 25-30% of the "Yeshiva commmunity"; and 85-90% of the remaining Orthodox community.

York U gets taste of Israel

TORONTO —

Jewish and non-Jewish students at York University got a better look at Israel recently, when the Israel Action Committee of the Jewish Student Federation presented Israel Week.

Organized under the title York Discovers The Promised Land, the week-long program featured guest speakers, displays, a dance demonstration, a kibbutz robot, and other attractions.

"We set out to bring to the York student body a vision of everyday Israeli society rather than what they see in the media," says Israel Action Committee chairman Isaac Becker.

The program, sponsored by the JSF, the Community Action for Israel Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, the Canadian Zionist Federation, and B'nai B'rith, showed there is more to Israel than conflict, says Becker.

Of particular interest to the students were a lecture by Col. Yaacov Erez of the Israel Defence Force on Morality in the Midst of War; and Dr. Mordechai Nisan of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, on The Palestinian Question: An Israeli Perspective.

The students also enjoyed making buttons with their names and other expressions in Hebrew with a button-making machine, says Shari Feldman, JSF program director.

Summing up the program, Becker says: "I think it was positive if only in that we made our presence known. I don't think there would be too many who did not know about it."

Jewish frat plans reunion

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TORONTO —

Sigma Alpha Mu doesn't sound very Jewish, but for the past 78 years the vast majority of the fraternity's members have been Jews.

Three years ago, when SAM celebrated its 75th anniversary, many lapsed members took the opportunity to come out of the woodwork and identify again with the fraternity.

That may be the outcome again this year. On May 11 at Toronto's Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, about 250 fraternity brothers are expected to participate in this year's reunion dinner.

Guest speaker will be Monte Kwinter, Ontario's minister of consumer and commercial relations and himself a fraternity member.

Among the other prominent SAM alumni are retired Chief Justice Samuel Freedman of the Manitoba Court of Appeal, federal Liberal justice critic Robert Kaplan, comedians Arte Johnson and Allan Sherman and television commentator Martin Agronsky.

Altogether about 30,000 current students and alumni belong to SAM, dispersed among 4,000 chapters in the United States and Canada.

Toronto's Omega Chapter of SAM was established in 1920, according to lawyer and alumnus Jerry Nesker. Since that time, it has remained almost completely Jewish despite an open-door policy.

SAM traces its origins in North America back to 1909 when eight young Americans set up the fraternity in the hope of promoting traditional fraternity goals: creating friendships and helping form character.

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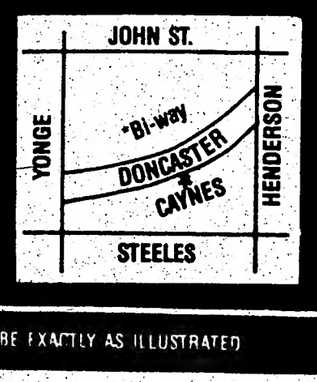

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Fashion

Milliner throws hat into ring and opens boutique in home

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

"The right hat can make a woman feel beautiful and confident," says Lily Friedman who operates an exclusive hat boutique from her home on Courtleigh Blvd. in Toronto.

Two years ago, the pert 37-year-old mother of five boys, all under 11, decided to look for something to do that would entail some "fashion creativity" and that would still allow her to stay at home with her active young family.

She found the millinery business and established Lily's Hats of Distinction, (416) 781-7504, (no Sabbath calls).

"I felt that there was a need for unique hats at reasonable prices. And by selling by-appointment, I can manage my home and build my rapidly growing hat business."

Friedman was raised in Cleveland and graduated from the University of Cincinnati. Her husband Edward is a lawyer, a partner at the law firm of Steinberg and Friedman.

"I love the business," she says. "I get satisfaction when I find the right hat for the right woman. I think that a new hat can do more to make a woman feel good than a haircut. It completes an ensemble and makes you stand out."

Friedman adds that if she doesn't have "the right hat" for a client, she does not hesitate to direct her to another milliner. "It's important to me to develop an honest relationship with my customers," she explains.

She selects most of her hats from New York. "Although I don't carry a large selection of hats, each hat is very special and unique. And most of my hats are not sold anywhere else in Canada."

And now Lily's Hats has expanded. As well as her retail operation, she now sells to several exclusive boutiques in Toronto.

If you are looking for something special to help raise your tired spirits at Passover, Friedman says, "Why not try a new chapeau?"

The "in" colors for this season, she says, are bronze, pewter, sand and navy. The look is safari and a polished Chanel-look trimmed with stripes and polka dot accents.

"All in all, the look is very feminine and complements the soft fashion look for spring 87."

If you're not into hats yet, Friedman has a selection of hand-made jeweled techels (head covers), hand-crochet berets (made to order), and bridal veils.

"I never let a hat go out of my shop unless I think it's perfect for that customer. I guess that's why my customers trust me and listen to my advice."

The personable young woman with a warm dimpled smile is the best advertisement for her hats. You can usually see her at services at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue on Shabbat and holidays wearing a striking hat to match her outfit.

She is a walking billboard for creative millinery and the reconciliation between being a very busy traditional homemaker and an active business woman.

Lily Friedman of Lily's Hats of Distinction models a hat from her Spring 87 collection.

New look shown for young at heart

PARIS —

It all began with the couture collections last July. Christian Lacroix, Patou's madcap designer, and many of his peers, presented young, spirited collections with skirts that swung, swirled, flourished and bubbled 'round the knees.

Spring ready-to-wear collections follow suit and their influence is bound to be felt here.

Of course, there are chemises, fitted jackets and long slim skirts in the collections but these have been around. What we are talking about here is new looks, trends.

Watch for ultra-feminine clothes — little girl dresses with Empire waistlines.

Watch for pretty prints, ruffles and bows. Watch for lightweight fabrics that move with ease and watch for denim.

Gold styles enhance women's ensembles

Gold jewelry will act as a "second skin" to enhance body-conscious fashions, according to the Gold Information Centre.

For casual get-togethers, an oversize chain link necklace with alternating stations of pink, green and white gold will complement a sporty turtleneck.

An armful of bangles and link bracelets in a variety of rope, buckle and woven styles carries an informal flavor.

Gold earrings come in graphic loop, hoop and curly shapes in close-to-the-ear or dangling styles.

For evening, the look is minimal, with figure-flaunting fashions, slicked-back hair and bold gold accents.

A slinky gooseneck or a strand of modelled gold beads brings polish to any midnight ensemble.

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Fashion

Want comfort? Designer's collection knits to be tried

Color, style and comfort are the dominant characteristics of Donna Stephens' spring and summer collections.

The Toronto knitwear designer offers today's women a variety of separates and dresses in easy shapes and beautiful colors and patterns. Clothes that are current without being trendy.

The spring line consists of a number of mix and match coordinates which provide a woman with many fashion options.

For instance, a cardigan might be teamed with a sleeveless, mock turtle halter and a knee-length tube skirt. But a plethora of choices remain.

Dress with a dropped waist and full circle skirt from Donna Stephens' spring and summer 87 collection. Available at department stores and better boutiques across Canada.

The same cardigan might also be worn with a calf-length tube skirt or a calf-length full skirt or softly draped pants with slash pockets. The range of cardigans, pullovers, tunics, skirts, and slacks insures that there is something for everyone.

The entire collection is done in 100% cotton yarn from France and the emphasis is on comfort. Even the slim skirts and skinny tops allow a woman room to eat, breathe and move.

This spring, Stephens' has paid particular attention to neckline and offers several styles including off-the-shoulder looks, mock-turtlenecks, crossover designs, crews and V-backs.

The collection features three color combinations: lotus, jade and lagoon; thatch, lily and poppy, and lily, ebony and sun. These solids are also combined in three pattern groupings: Bali, a floral and jacquard pattern; Geometrics, a bold, modern print and Palm Leaf.

Stephens' summer collection is the first dress line she has done since she established her company, Donna Stephens Knitwear Inc., in Toronto three years ago.

This group of easy-to-wear, easy-to-care-for 50/50 cotton-polyester knits reflects the return to romance and femininity that has marked the season.

The pastel-based collection includes such shades as tea rose, jonquil, sweet pea and lobelia.

The dresses feature gentle lines and floating skirts. Some designs offer empire waists while others have flattering dropped waists. Still others have no waistline, just a long, slim sweep of fabric — a graceful, dancer's silhouette. Coordinating unstructured jackets in floral prints convert the dresses into functional, feminine officewear.

Both the spring and summer collections are available in department stores and better boutiques across Canada.

Naughty but nice fashions

PARIS —

The women who want to be naughty and the women who want to be nice will both find Paris fashions to fit their moods this spring and summer.

Designer Emanuel Ungaro offers the two extremes in a single collection.

Ungaro, who calls his short, crinoline-skirted designs the Lolita look, shows thigh-high bubble skirts, bloomers and lots of bright cotton prints topped with little peplum jackets.

With his collection generally one of the most marketable in ready-to-wear sales, Ungaro clearly expects the Lolita look to appeal also to the young at heart with slim figures and shapely legs.

V-necklines, puffy sleeves and waistlines cinched by black belts or wide elasticized bands above the full skirts give an hourglass silhouette to the collection.

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Eyeing the world through stylish lenses

Practical sunglasses make spectacle of themselves

By
JO CURRIE
(Style)

These days, not even Hollywood stars buy sunglasses just to hide behind.

Don Johnson sports his Ray-Ban Wayfarers in the brilliant Florida sunshine of Miami Vice. Bausch & Lomb, makers of Ray-Ban, pay him handsomely for the public endorsement. Millions of teenagers — and their parents — flock to the stores to buy "Don Johnson" sunglasses.

Rumor has it, though, that Don Johnson could be persuaded to change his mind. He's been spotted off-set wearing a pair of Serengeti 7000 Vermilion Series glasses sent to him by that company.

But if he's going to make a switch to wearing them on the show, the Serengeti company will have to, shall we say, make it worth his while.

Tom Cruise (Risky Business, Top Gun) wears Wayfarers too. It's part of the '50s look of thicker, bolder frames and smaller, less "bug-eyed" lenses which, according to Kevin Couch, marketing manager for Bausch & Lomb Canada, has by no means run its course.

Yoko Ono wears her trademark wraparound sunglasses everywhere. When she wore them onto the Johnny Carson show, says communications director Nina Brims of Imperial Optical, the demand for wraparounds suddenly went up.

Biggest sunglasses ever seen in a movie were Arnold Schwartzenegger's in The Terminator. The full, curved wraparound styling — in effect more like a motorcyclist's face shield than a pair of sunglasses — accounts for the popularity of Gargoyles, according to Terry Fawcett, manager of the Toronto branch of Eye Of The Tiger.

Stargazing aside, sunglasses have seen a lot of changes in the last decade — decidedly for the better in terms of eye safety, protection from the harmful aspects of sunlight, and durability, as well as fashion. Serengeti Drivers and 7000 Vermilions retail from $129 to $145.

"They're worth it for anyone who drives a lot, or for sailors or skiers who have to see well in conditions of strong glare from light reflected off water or snow," says Imperial Optical's Brims.

"The lenses are Corning Optics. They filter out 99.9% of UV (ultra-violet) light. They cut glare to the point where you don't ever need to squint. Since your eyes don't get tired, they're safer, too."

And though it may seem to go against common sense, adds Brims, if you ever find yourself driving in fog, you should put on your Serengeti — or any other good quality photochromic — sunglasses. They'll bring up the contrasts, and cut out much of the scattered blue light — reflected from water vapor — that's causing your vision problem.

Terry Fawcett of Eye Of The Tiger, a sports optical specialist, believes the public is becoming much more aware of the desirability of UV filtering capabilities in sports and fashion sunglasses.

Time was sunglasses were either fashionable or practical. The fashionable ones were available in great colors, shaped to enhance the eyes and face, worn like any other fashion accessory (or pushed up off the face as a hairband).

Functionally all they did was darken the world a little. The practical ones were designed to protect the eyes from the sun and stay on no matter what — and never mind what they looked like.

But our North American passion for high-tech sports, each with its own "right stuff," has changed all that. High-tech is high fashion.

Serious sailors, skiers, climbers, sailboarders and tennis players want eyewear that performs. So do those who want to be seen as serious sailors, skiers, and so on. And the makers of top-line sunglasses have responded with sports eyewear in great colors and shapes. They work — in both senses of the word.

Fashion designers have not lagged far behind the sports eyeglass industry. Fendi and Christiane sunglasses, both available through Imperial Optical and retailing in the $200 bracket, continue to hark back to the '50s with elongated cats-eye shapes, and bold frames colored like brilliant marble or trimmed with rhinestones.

And since it's not fashionable to squint, besides being ruinous to the eye makeup, these glasses too feature optical-quality lenses with a high UV rating and ophthalmically-finished frames.

"Buyers of designer glasses want a look that's very different, very 'designer,' and obviously not out of a drugstore," says Bente Rowe, manager for women's sunglasses at Imperial Optical.

To this end designers work hard to put their special stamp on sunglasses.

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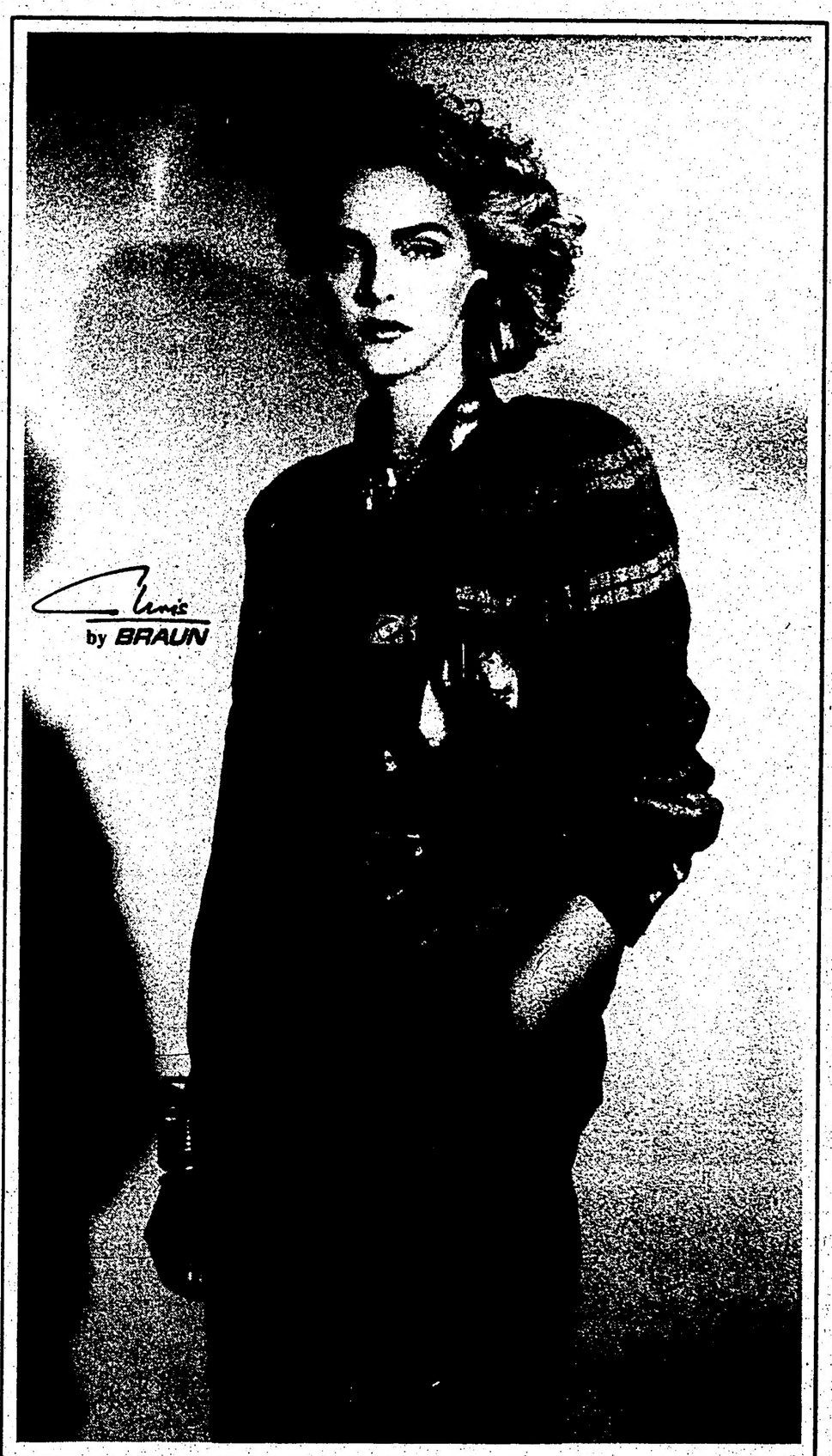

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"Moderately directional" styling

Spring separates are easy to care for

By
LORI SMITH

Easy to care for and wear fashions are the mainstays of the spring and summer 87 collection from Vancouver's Surrey Classics Manufacturing Ltd.

Jerry Tollinsky, owner of Jerry Tollinsky Sales Agency Ltd., the Ontario agent for the company, explains that one of the primary purposes of the spring line is to offer a group of related separates that are easy to care for.

"With the exception of the cool wools and the silk noile group the collection is nearly all washable."

This ease of care is important to the company and to their customer — the busy woman who often has a career and a home to take care of and little time. Surrey's emphasis on what Tollinsky calls "moderately directional" styling is also important to these women.

"We're not trying to be at the forefront of fashion. We're trying to satisfy the middle range, the majority tastes. So our merchandise is affordable and a woman will want to buy a number of our outfits."

This season, the collection, which includes pants, tap shorts, skirts, sweaters, jackets and tops in fabrics such as cotton chambray, cotton satine, crinkle cotton, cool wool and silk noile, features an unconstructed, comfortable silhouette.

The jackets are loose-fitting, average 29 inches and fall to approximately the thigh. They have deep set-in sleeves and frequently feature shoulder details such as epaulettes. The skirts come in both full and straight versions; a longer, fuller look falling to 32 inches and a straight style, which at 30 inches falls to just below the knee.

Pants are pleated and taper to a moderately narrow leg. The collection's most whimsical pieces are, however, the 40s-style tap shorts with their wider, elasticized waists, and the group of imported sweaters which feature fun graphics such as beach and park scenes and are offered in coordinating colors.

Blouses and other coordinates are offered in cotton plaids, florals, geometrics and cotton voile watercolor-look prints which tie in to the line's group of solid colors — raspberry, emerald, turquoise, natural and yellow.

Surrey Classics are available at better specialty stores across Canada.

Surrey Classics' silk noile pant and shirt jacket in yellow are worn with a 100% acrylic sweater that features a geometric pattern in raspberry, turquoise, green and yellow. (Ronnie Shinder photo)

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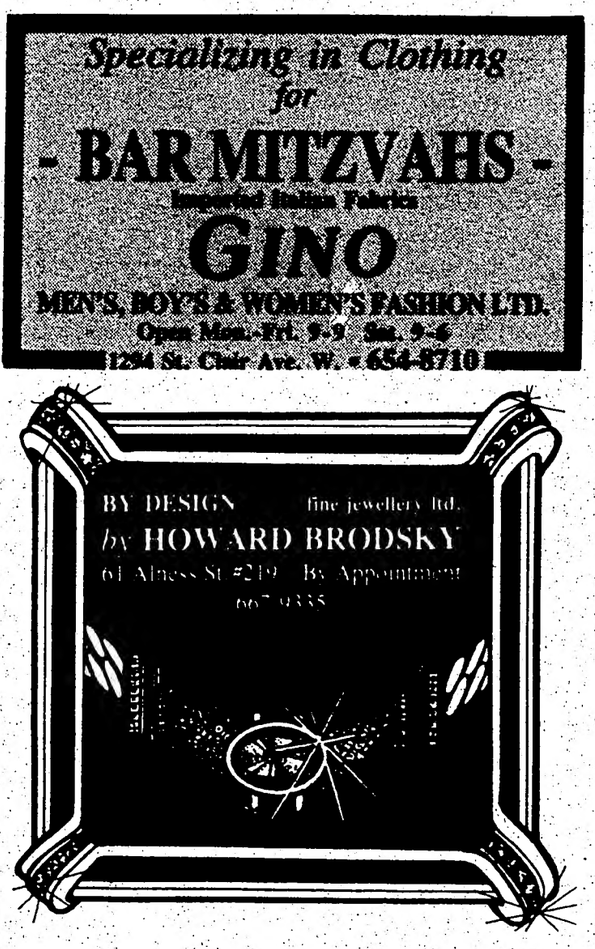

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New and exciting dishes

More kosher l'Pesach products increase options

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —
What can be new about Passover after more than 3,500 years?

Although the laws and traditions remain the same, the Jewish homemaker has an opportunity to create new and exciting Passover dishes as the choice of supervised products increases.

According to Barney Barenholtz of Kofman-Barenholtz, the largest importer of kosher packaged foods in Canada, the demand for kosher food is constantly growing as more and more young people are establishing kosher homes.

This is reflected in the marketplace as an increasing number of supervised kosher products are being imported from around the world.

"Not only is there a greater variety of kosher foods available," says Barenholtz, "but the prices have not increased. As a matter of fact, people will find that the prices of imported food products have remained the same, and some are even lower because of the larger volume being brought into Canada."

Barney Barenholtz of Kofman-Barenholtz displays some new products for Passover in his showroom. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Reflecting these benefits for the consumer, Barenholtz says that there are numerous specials for Passover produced by well known food manufacturers including, Carmel juices, Festive mayonnaise, Goodman macaroons, Haddar apple juice, Kedem grape juice, Manischewitz soups, Rokeach fish, Seas potato chips and 778 jams.

For the first time, this Passover, you can buy Kineret Frozen Coffee Creamer which is pareve. This gives the cook an opportunity to explore new recipes for the holidays.

Among the dozens of new products you'll find on the shelves this Passover there are, Israeli Oppenheimer's Granny's chocolate covered matzohs, Haddar catsup in a squeeze bottle, a variety of Carmel sugar free gels made with nutrasweet, Lieber lemon juice and Goodman spice cake with vanilla icing.

As well, there is Haddar hot chocolate mix, Manischewitz blueberry muffin mix, Granny chocolate chips, Rokeach dressing without oil, and a variety of nuts from Earthly Nuts. And that's only a sampling of the new products available in Canada.

The large warehouse at Kofman-Barenholtz is filled to the high ceiling with products imported mainly from Israel, the United States, England and Switzerland. The special cooler for chocolates and candies, the cheese refrigerator, the freezer for poultry and a separate freezer for frozen prepared foods, are vault-like and awesome.

Barenholtz supplies kosher products to communities from Vancouver to Montreal. "I think we have one of the nicest Jewish communities in the world, outside of Israel. Toronto is a Yiddishe city and it is known throughout the world for its Yiddishe flavor."

And this is reflected in his growing business. "And this Passover, I'm delighted that Bazooka bubble gum which is made in Israel and wasn't available last year, is back on the shelves." And for you noshers, the variety of snack foods is mind-boggling.

So whether you are a nosher, health conscious, or just the average glutton at Passover, this Pesach there will be something new to enhance your holiday — Barney Barenholtz has seen to that.

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New publications will whet your palate

Kosher cookbook comes with sense of humor

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

Cookbooks that will keep you humming in the kitchen...

Say this much for Ruth and Bob Grossman: they have a zany sense of humor.

Their book, *The New Kosher Cookbook Trilogy (NC Press, $14.95)*, contains only pedestrian recipes. But the titles of their recipes are, well, different.

In this compendium, they adopt the laws of kashruth to Chinese, Italian and French cookery to produce a mishmash of dishes like egg roll hah dah sah, far blunjed egg drop soup, ministrone della contenessa Goldfarb and haymisha hollandaise sauce.

The recipes are reasonably simple to follow, and observant Jews who want to venture beyond the boundaries of traditional kosher cuisine may well get a kick — and a hearty laugh — out of the Grossman's collection.

Weight watchers and health faddists will no doubt appreciate *Fit for Life (Warner, $5.95 paperback)*, whose authors claim that you can eat to your heart's content **without** counting calories.

Harvey and Marilyn Diamond tell you how to "discover a new life style that will keep you slim and fit forever."

Fit for Life sold over 3 million copies in hardback, so maybe they're on to something good.

If you've got a sweet tooth, Kay Spicer's book, *Choice Desserts (Grosvenor House Press, $14.95)* will appeal to you.

Published in cooperation with the Canadian Diabetes Association, it presents 100 healthy, low-cal desserts for all ages and every occasion.

All the recipes have been kitchen-tested using both metric and imperial measures.

The spiral-bound format makes it eminently easy to use.

Lean And Luscious (Raincoast Books, $18.95) goes well with *Choice Desserts*. As the title suggests, the recipes — all 400 of them — are tailor-made for people who count calories.

If you're a dedicated weight watcher, you'll be pleased to hear that each recipe comes with a complete nutritional profile.

Until his death last year, James Beard was one of the great gourmets and cookbook writers, and a reader could always count on his good judgment and superb taste.

James Beard's New Fish Cookery (Warner, $14.75) may well be one of the best books of its kind. Originally published in 1976, the new edition has been updated to include information about the most appropriate American and imported wines to serve with each course.

The book, which is a veritable treasure trove, is divided into several parts. The first is about fish in general and cooking methods. The second and third are primers about saltwater and freshwater fish.

With Beard at your beck and call, you should have no trouble impressing your fish-loving dinner guests.

Since "fibre" is a fashionable catchword in cooking circles these days, *The Total Fibre Book (Grosvenor House Press, $12.95)* is just the book to read.

What is fibre? Where do you find it? These are but two of the many questions authors Margaret Fraser and Helen Bishop MacDonald address.

The 80 recipes in their useful book — ranging from such delights as moussaka and mock pasta salad — are naturally high on fibre.

Paula Wolfert is one of the world's leading authorities on Moroccan cuisine, and her book, *Couscous And Other Good Food From Morocco (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $16.50)*, is a classic. First published in 1973, it has now been brought out in a paperback edition.

Although her book will be of primary interest to Moroccan Jews, there is no denying that non-Moroccans will also find it fascinating. Moroccan dishes are fragrant and delicious, as this reviewer discovered on a trip to that North African nation a decade ago, and Wolfert is the ideal person to introduce them to Western readers.

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TORONTO —

The Kosher Information Service of the Kashruth Council-Orthodox Division of the Canadian Jewish Congress of Toronto publishes holiday-information-recipe pamphlets before each major holiday.

Cynthia Gasner, the director of information and public relations, coordinates the community information programs of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth which reach thousands of families across Canada and the United States.

This year, the kosher delights for Passover include, cream of vegetable soup, spinach-cheese-matzoh casserole, baked stuffed tomatoes, and a Passover kiwi fruit flan.

The recipes are prepared and tested by Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant for the Orthodox Division.

Here is one of the recipes from the Passover flyer:

SPINACH-CHEESE-MATZOH CASSEROLE
(Dairy)

Part 1:
2 lbs. fresh spinach
2 tbsps. oil
1 small onion, chopped
1 lb. cottage cheese
2 eggs, beaten
1 tbsp. chopped fresh dill (optional)
1 tsp. salt
½ tsp. pepper
Part 2:
3 eggs
¼ cup white wine
6 matzohs
8 oz. grated cheddar cheese
8 oz. grated mozzarella cheese
Part 3:
2 cups sour cream
Paprika

Part 1:

Remove stems from spinach leaves. Wash thoroughly in warm salted water several times until all grit is removed. Rinse in cold water; drain and squeeze out excess moisture; chop.

Heat oil, add onion; saute until glazed. Add spinach, cover and cook 5 minutes over moderate heat. Uncover, stir until most of the liquid has evaporated and spinach is fairly dry; cool.

Combine cottage cheese, eggs, dill, salt and pepper. Mix together with sauteed spinach/onion mixture. Taste for seasoning.

Part 2:

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Beat eggs with wine. Grease a large utility pan with oil. Pan should be large enough to hold 2 matzohs side by side.

Using 2 matzohs (take one at a time), dip into egg/wine mixture and place in pan side by side. Add half of the spinach/cheese mixture.

Sprinkle with half of the grated cheddar cheese and half of the grated mozzarella cheese. Place 2 more dipped matzohs on top and repeat layers, topping with the last 2 dipped matzohs.

Pour remaining egg/wine mixture over all. Bake ½ hour. Remove from oven.

Part 3:

Spread sour cream over top. Sprinkle with paprika. Return to oven for 5 minutes. Serve hot.

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Indigenous recipes of Ashkenazim, Sephardim

Subtle cultural differences show on seder plate

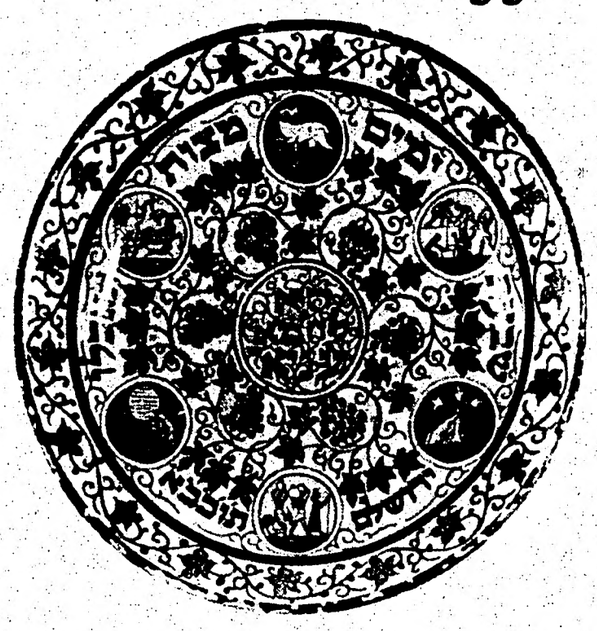
By CYNTHIA GASNER

TORONTO —

For the performance of the rites of the seder, a number of symbolic foods are required.

Jews have adopted indigenous recipes as they wandered in the Diaspora. Although the symbolism is often the same, the use of local products and tastes have affected the preparation of these symbolic foods.

During the Middle Ages, Jews were quite arbitrarily divided into two main categories. The Jews who lived in Spain, Portugal and the Provence were designated as Sephardim. Those who lived in Germany and in East European countries where the Judeo-German venacular, Yiddish was spoken, were called Ashkenazim.



A 19th century glazed earthenware seder plate made in Jerusalem displays symbols of the Passover festival.

Both the Ashkenazim and Sephardim are religiously and culturally rooted in the same Torah and rabbinic laws, Jewish ethical values and traditions. The differences between them is no doubt produced by diverse environmental and cultural influences.

Their religious customs and ceremonies show differences in the liturgy and ritual.

There are also differences in the manner of pronouncing Hebrew. In prayer, there are differences in the order, and the character of the music.

An example of divergent customs is seen in the naming of children. For centuries, the custom of the Ashkenazim is to name their children only after deceased parents or grandparents. The Sephardim name their children after a living grandparent or parent.

Common historic identity

Today, Jewish ethnic groups are no longer insulated from each other. Ashkenazim and Sephardim who share a common historic identity and a common heritage, are leaving their cultural imprint on each other.

For Passover, on the seder plate, we can see the subtle difference in their culture and their recipes.

Here are two recipes for Charoset which symbolizes the clay with which our forefathers were forced to make bricks during their enslavement in Egypt.

CHAROSET — ASHKENAZI

1 apple, pared
½ cup crushed walnuts
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 tsp. honey or sugar
2 tbsps. red wine

Coursely grate apple. Mix with remaining ingredients until the mixture is very smooth.

CHAROSET — SEPHARDI

1 lb. pitted dates
½ cup water
2 tsps. cinnamon
1 cup chopped walnuts
¼ cup finely chopped almonds
2 tsps. orange blossom water (optional)
¼ cup sweet red wine
¼ lb. dried rose petals

Cook dates in water and cinnamon on medium to low heat. Stir constantly to avoid sticking until mixture becomes a paste. (If you chop dates, the cooking time is less).

Remove from the heat, let cool completely. Add chopped nuts and mix well. Add wine little by little (and orange blossom water).

Let charoset set a few minutes. Form small balls and roll them in dried rose petals. Refrigerate.

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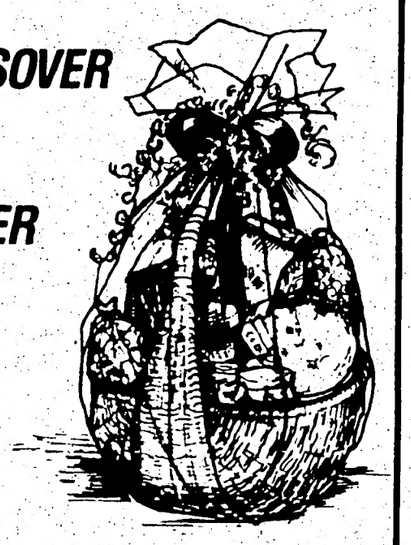

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Comforts for consumers

By
CYNTHIA GASNER

VAUGHAN, Ont. — The moment you enter the recently opened Food City supermarket, Canada's largest kosher facility, situated in the Spring Farm Marketplace just north of Steeles at Clark and Hilda, you sense the past, the present and the future.

The past — historical pictures of the Thornhill-Vaughan area are all around the periphery of the grocery department. Nearby, a chart identifies and describes each of the pictures — some, such as the old bank building, are still to be found in the area.

The present — you are in a breathtaking colorful garden created with slanted mirrored panels reflecting the quality produce, overhead muted lighting, and a backdrop of fruit baskets, plants and live flowers.

The future — a computerized video information booth locates products with the touch of a finger. It tells you the specials of the week and other interesting information such as cooking tips.

The new Food City brings together the traditional with the modern — supervised kosher departments that our grandparents would never have dreamed possible.

Jim Dores, the manager of Food City's newest store in Thornhill. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

Strict control in effect

And their customers reflect every segment of our community, observant and non-observant from young marrieds to retirees. The new phenomenon in this area is parents moving into condominiums to be near their children and grandchildren.

But what makes Food City unique is its large self-contained kosher area which includes a bakery, self-serve meat and dairy sections, and full service meat, deli and dairy counters, all under the supervision of the Rabbinical Vaad Hakashruth, Orthodox Division, Canadian Jewish Congress. And there is the largest kosher packaged product selection in the country.

The kosher department is built on an angle at one end of the store. It can be closed off for the Sabbath and opened independently on Sunday with four of its 14 checkout counters.

On a tour of the kosher facility, Sam Crystal, the corporate vice-president, public affairs for The Oshawa Group said, "Several years ago, when we made the decision to establish a store here in this location, we had some research done for us that indicated the large percentage of observant Jews in this area.

"They required specialized kosher service and we were going to create a whole serviced supermarket for them as well as for the rest of the community."

He says Food City wanted to create an atmosphere in which the kosher consumer would feel comfortable, "in other words, it had to be a fully supervised Congress approved operation."

Food City began its talks with Congress "before the shovel went into the ground," Crystal says, expressing his appreciation for the guidance the supermarket received from the Orthodox Division through every step of the construction.

"They told us what would generally be required. None of it really was a surprise to me. They were not unreasonable. They were very specific in their demands — their requirements, and we built accordingly."

Crystal, who has been with the Oshawa Group for 21 years, explains that it was costly to establish the supervised departments because there is a lot of duplication — two bakeries, two meat preparation areas, additional coolers, and separate entrances for everything that comes in for the kosher meat department and the kosher bakery.

He notes that all the baking on the premises is baked with kosher ingredients, but those sold in the kosher area are not baked on the Sabbath. A modern conveyor system goes up through the ceiling. It carries baked goods to the non-supervised bakery.

Spotless kitchen areas

As we pass through the spotless, stainless steel koshering area where the meat is being prepared — there are special soaking tanks, tables with drainage holes, and an area where the meat is rinsed three times before it moves to the cutting area. Here we meet Rabbi Avram Langer, the chief mashgiach for Food City who oversees the operation.

The friendly rabbi, who speaks with enthusiasm of the kosher facilities, concurs with Crystal that the relationship between Congress and Food City is "excellent."

Crystal notes, "Rabbi Langer has developed a rapport with the management of the store. They respect him and whatever he tells them that needs to be done, they do it instantly."

The rabbi, a Bobover chassid, points out that the new Food City has the first bakery in Toronto with a full-time mashgiach (kashruth supervisor). In the bake shop, Erlich Avraham, who worked on the Toronto Loveboat cruise ship as the pastry chef for 15 years, wears a kipa. The mashgiach notes that there are separate colored pans for dairy and pareve baking so there is no confusion.

Plexiglass dividers separate the counters in the kosher areas. There is a large variety of kosher cheeses, rolled herring, lox, smoked fish, schmaltz herring, veal ribs, cabbage rolls, Israeli salad, Spanish chicken, breaded sole, vegilatkes and numerous other prepared foods.

Spearheading the operation is Jonathan Wolfe, the youthful president of Oshawa Foods which operates the supermarket chain.

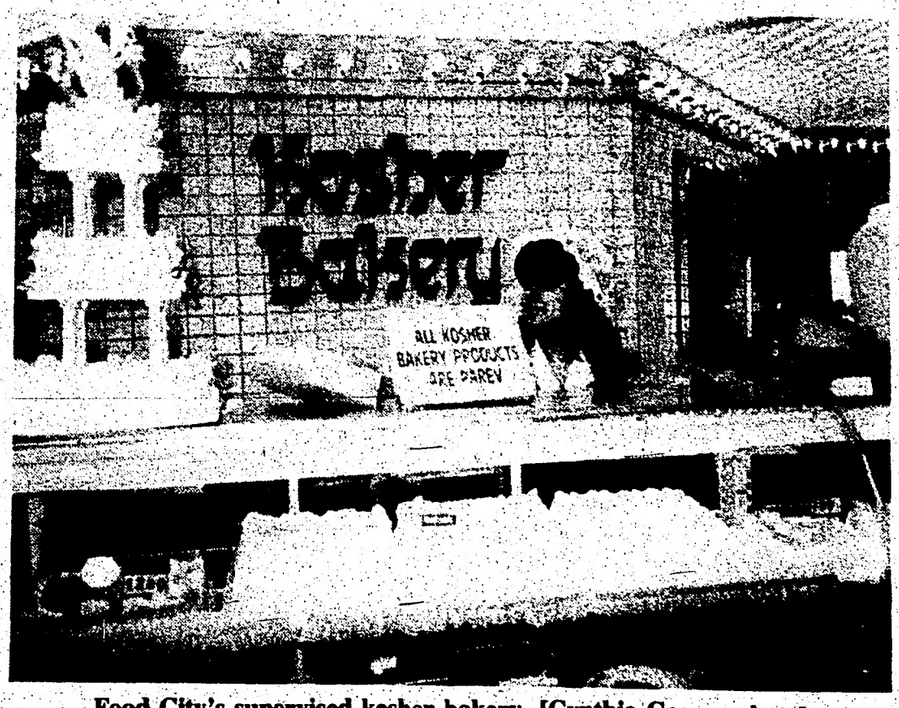
The store manager, Jim Dores, also in his mid-30s, speaks proudly of the new facility.

"He is learning so much about kashruth and Yiddishkeit," says Crystal. "He is determined that everything here is going to be perfect for people who want kosher foods. He is also determined that they will get what they want, and not have to go somewhere else to get it."

This has become the flagship store for Food City. "The public response has been quite overwhelming," says Crystal. And with the positive comments from shoppers in the store, Wolfe, Crystal, Dores and the Oshawa Group express delight that the store has been welcomed into the community with such enthusiasm.

"I love this store," says Dores, who has worked for Food City for 15 years as a store manager in St. Catharines. "The people are very friendly and very open. It's a pleasure to be here."

And for the shoppers in the Thornhill-Vaughan area, it is a pleasure to have a store that fills their dietary and esthetic needs.



Food City's supervised kosher bakery. [Cynthia Gasner photo]

At Quebec-New York border

Pesach wines available duty-free

NEW YORK — Vacationers driving home for Pesach through New York state can stock up on Kedem wines at the Quebec-New York border, "where they are available cheaper than anywhere else in Canada and the U.S.," said a company spokesman.

"If they have the time, they can stop off at our winery in Milton, NY, for a tour of our facilities and some tasting," he added.

The Kedem Royal Wine Co. has been distributing its products in Canada since 1980.

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Kedem, the Hudson Valley's largest winery, opened its doors to the public more than eight years ago for free wine tastings and tours of the plant.

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Guests are then invited to refresh themselves in Kedem's unique tasting room, a converted 120-year-old railroad station, right on the banks of the Hudson.

"Visitors can stay as long as they like, to take advantage of Kedem's picnic tables and beautiful grounds overlooking the Hudson River," said Herzog.

There are more than two dozen wines to taste from for the adults, and four different grape juices for the children. No reservations are needed.

Kedem sponsors six parties a year held on the first three Sundays in May and November. These informal buffet-style parties are held at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Appetizers, fruit, Kedem wine and grape juice will be available in addition to a 5-piece band for dancing.

Kedem asks that reservations be made in advance for these special events and $1.50 per person be donated toward the food. All are welcome to attend.

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Kedem is open Sundays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 1 to Dec. 31, and Sundays only from Jan. 1 to May 1. Closed Saturdays and Jewish holidays. Last tour daily at 4 p.m. Please call in advance for details and reservations for special tours for bus groups and clubs.

Diabetes Dialogue sets out starchy choices for Passover

By CYNTHIA GASNER

With restrictions on certain foods during Passover, Jewish people with diabetes face additional concerns in their diets with Starchy Choices.

Unleavened bread (matzoh), matzoh meal, matzoh farfel, potato starch and potatoes may be used. Forbidden foods include wheat, oats, rye, yeast, baking powder, starches, rice, lentils, macaroni, buckwheat, peas, beans and corn.

In the spring edition of Diabetes Dialogue published by the Canadian Diabetes Association, Esther Schwartz, the kosher food consultant for Canadian Jewish Congress discusses the problems facing Jewish people with diabetes at Passover.

"Since meat, poultry and fish are permitted, there is no problem with Protein Choices," says Schwartz.

"Since starch is what people with diabetes snack on, it becomes an increased concern with dietary restrictions during this holiday," she says.

"There are more and more products being produced each year that are under rabbinical supervision. With a dash of creativity, a person with diabetes can have nourishing, appealing and interesting meals at Passover."

She notes that although starch poses the biggest problem for people with diabetes, there are a number of products available including Passover noodles and mandlach.

Here is one of the recipes from the Diabetes Dialogue that concentrates on starch for a Passover snack.

MATZOH CHEESE APPLE TREAT
(Makes 1 serving)

1 cup water
½ tsp. cinnamon
1 apple (small cored, peeled, thinly sliced)
1 matzoh
1 oz. cheese slice

Preheat oven to broil. Add water to small saucepan. Add cinnamon and apple slices. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat. Simmer until apple is tender. Drain.

Wet matzoh with warm water on both sides. Place under preheated broiler (2nd rung from the top). Broil for 1 minute on one side. Turn matzoh over and broil for 30 seconds on the other side.

Place drained apples on matzoh. Top with cheese. Broil until cheese bubbles.

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Arts

Ann Bancroft stars as writer Helene Hanff in 84 Charing Cross Road.

Book lovers will laud new Bancroft film

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

An appreciation of books is a prerequisite for seeing *84 Charing Cross Road*, starring two of the finest actors in the English language, Anne Bancroft and Anthony Hopkins.

If you can't muster up sufficient interest in a film that revolves around books, don't even bother. Stay at home and watch your favorite soap opera on TV.

Book lovers everywhere will enjoy David Jones' gentle, well-modulated, intelligent picture now playing at the Cineplex Odeon chain.

Although books are its stock-in-trade, *84 Charing Cross Road* transcends books and deals with such themes as unrequited friendship and unfulfilled hopes.

Helene Hanff (Bancroft), a cultured, good-humored New Yorker who is unable to afford fine editions of classics she loves, answers an ad in The Saturday Review of Literature placed by Marks & Co., a London-based store specializing in out-of-print books. The year is 1949, and little does she know that her correspondence with the antiquarian bookseller will extend over a period of 20 years.

Helene's first letter is answered by FPD, who turns out to be Frank Doel (Hopkins), a kindly, fastidious employee who is taken by her quirky letter. He sends the two volumes she requested — "mellow, leather-bound books with thick cream-colored pages" — and this encourages her to write for more books.

The letters Helene writes are special, full of ironic warmth and pithy humor, and the staff at Marks & Co. like them immensely. Doel is particularly impressed with them.

Knowing that Britain is under food rationing, Helene sends them food parcels, and Doel and his co-workers are grateful. In 1952, after she becomes a television writer, she decides to travel to London to make their acquaintance. At the last minute, to her annoyance, she must cancel her plans.

Her correspondence with Doel continues, however, and four years later, Helene is ready to try again.

I will not give away the plot by telling you any more.

In the film, Bancroft ages 20 years. The wig she wears isn't always effective in concealing her actual age. But Bancroft is a real trooper and she wins you over with her appealing personality.

Hopkins, a superbly-controlled actor, uses a minimum of gestures to color his role.

Thanks to them, and to Hugh Whitemore's sensible script, ***84 Charing Cross Road*** **becomes an esthetic experience for all to savor.**

Life in Vilna after Holocaust depicted

Chaim's book gets top Grade

By DAVID BIRKAN

One new book is a vivid journey through a time and place that are gone from the face of this earth. A second introduces a kindred world that seems to be reuniting with our own. A third details exotic and twisted outgrowths from each of those worlds.

The community of Vilna before and after the Holocaust is the subject of the late Chaim Grade's book of memoirs, *My Mother's Sabbath Days* (Alfred A. Knopf-Random House, $30). The city that inspired his major works of fiction is resurrected with crystal clarity. Grade's recollection of its inhabitants illuminates not only their world, but the one before and after, as well.

The work was translated from the Yiddish by Channa Kleinerman Goldstein and Grade's second wife Inna Hecker. Their work is bright and seamless.

The following personages represent a small sample of the inhabitants of Grade's Vilna.

• Reb Boruchel remonstrates in vain against his wife's decision to move the family to Argentina. He doesn't want to leave his beloved Vilna, but if he must, it should be to the Holy Land, so that his "bones shouldn't have to roll underground when the Messiah comes."

• The apartment house's janitor Stefan Snezko is stabbed by his brother in a drinking bout after the former demands a half-share in the family farm that he has never seen all the years. He decided earlier that he "wanted to be his own master, not a janitor for the Yids."

• Lisa the goose dealer's wife organizes Vilna's poultry dealers to boycott a shipment of birds from Warsaw, and then secretly buys out the Polish dealers at a very good price. When the rough Vilna dealers approach to tell her off, she scatters them with a vehement curse.

Grade also desribes the flight in rickety trains eastward, a jinxed escape from the approaching Nazi destroyer.

Postwar Vilna is epitomized by survivor Anna Itkin, who lost a husband and one of her twin sons in the Holocaust. Formerly the city's leading pediatrician, she now sits in a brightly lit bare office that is never frequented. Hanging perpetually empty is her white enamel scale for weighing newborn babies.

Rabbi Marc D. Angel's *The Rhythms of Jewish Living: A Sephardic Approach* (Sepher-Hermon, $20) is a clearly written introduction to the Sephardic religious tradition. The author's broad philosophical approach paints a picture of a people that we can easily recognize in the mirror.

Angel is spiritual leader of New York City's Congregation Shearith Israel, the historic Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue founded in 1654. A synagogue foundation that he launched is developing into a national U.S. organization dedicated to Sephardic history and culture.

Ashkenazi and Sephardi communities all stem from the same Revelation on Mount Sinai, and share the same Torah. The differences between them, the reader infers, are minor indeed.

Sander Gilman's *Jewish Self-Hatred* (Johns Hopkins University Press, $40) is a mine of information on intellectuals and their products, from post-Enlightenment to post-Holocaust days, whose flowering belies the traditions they are rooted in.

As in a mine, the gems have to be culled by the reader from dark seams of academic prose that include complex Germanic sentences, and long, long paragraphs. But then, this is an academic study by Gilman, who is professor of humane studies in Cornell University's German and Near Eastern departments.

A kind of self-hatred based on inadequate knowledge, stubornness, infatuation with the newly available, frustration, severe disappointment, and/or the Holocaust, unite the diverse personalities, real and fictional, that Gilman examines.

These range from 18th century renegade philosopher Solomon Maimon to Saul Bellow's Artur Sammler, who is "'surrounded by insane psychopaths who are Jews."

The detail of information is underscored by elaborate footnotes, index, and bibliography.

Linsley, children sing the praises of play climbers

TORONTO —

Canadian country singer Karen Linsley will join 20 children from Toronto's Thousand Cranes School to sing the praises of playground equipment manufactured by Creative Climbers Inc., at the Connoisseur Showplace March 26-29 at the Metro Convention Centre.

Karen Linsley

The song, *Climbing High*, written by Linsley's manager and co-writer Lloyd Landa, who also will play for the singers, has an accompanying 3-minute video depicting Thousand Cranes children having fun on the Creative Climbers.

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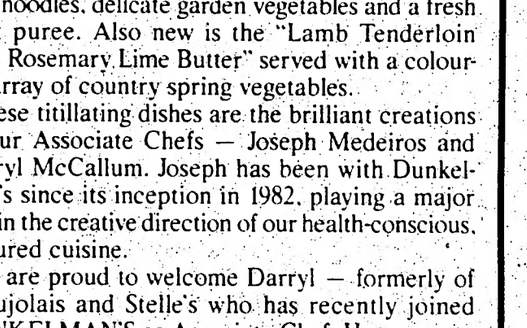

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Veteran Jewish actor gives world view

Curmudgeon Solway in Music Man

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —

Larry Solway, that self-proclaimed Jewish crank, curmudgeon, grump, grouch and general disturber of the peace, was asked last week, "Larry, have you become more mellow now that you're approaching the age of 60?"

"Good God, no," harumphed Solway. "I'm growing older, but not mellower. I'm as cranky as ever."

Solway, who prides himself on being a professional dyspeptic, as irascible as Donald Duck, may currently be heard sounding off in high dudgeon via two entertainment media.

You can see him fuming every night in *The Music Man*, the revival of the Broadway musical comedy hit, which is playing at the Limelight Theatre until May 30.

He portrays the acerbic anvil salesman, Charlie Cowell, who keeps hammering away at the fact that the hero of the show is nothing but a crooked con man, but nobody will listen to him. They won't listen, because Charlie is such a churlish fellow and the con artist is so cheerful.

Or you can hear Solway raging every week day between 9.30 to 11 a.m. on CFGM's open-line, phone-in *Larry Solway Show*, at 1320 on the dial.

Solway confesses instantly that he's abrasive, arrogant and hotly opinionated on the show.

"But cruel I'm not, a bully I'm not, and a sourpuss I'm not," growled the 6-foot, Toronto-born inquisitor, with the devilish hooked eyebrows, in a surprisingly amiable CJN interview.

"What things make you angry?" he was asked.

He furled his Mephistophelian brows and proceeded to recite a list of his pet peeves.

"At the top of my list are bigots," he said.

"Number two are know-nothings with uninformed opinions. People phone in to argue with me that everybody is entitled to an opinion. I answer, 'No, everyone is entitled to a *vote* — but not to an opinion, if it isn't based on fact.'

"My third peeve is galootism," he said.

"What's that?" The CJN reporter asked.

"A galoot is the guy who lacks social graces," said Solway. "He's the person who drives down the street with his car window down and his stereo blasting away. He's the noodnik with absolutely no consideration for others."

He rounded off his list of sinners with a prickly condemnation of "religious fundamentalists of any stripe, whether Christian, Moslem or Jewish."

"How do you define a fundamentalist?" the reporter asked.

"An extremist authoritarian who pushes his ideology on you," said Solway. "He takes everything in the Bible or Koran as literal. He refuses to make a distinction between myth and science, between archeology and romance."

"What does being Jewish mean to you?" he was asked.

"It's a combination of race, religion and culture," he said. "We are not exclusively any one of them. We are a people.

"For example, I'm not an observant, synagogue-going Jew. But I *feel* Jewish."

He says he feels most Jewish during Passover, when he conducts a seder. Usually present are his wife, Shirley, who is a co-owner of the Trainco Talent Agency; his son Joe, 35, an executive producer for the all-news CKO radio station; his daughter Beth Savard; and frequently non-Jewish friends he invites to familiarize them with the beauty of Jewish ritual.

"Sammy Levenson, the late Jewish humorist, once said that if everybody tried chopped chicken liver, there would be no anti-semitism," said Solway. "I consider that a reductio ad absurdum that's too simplistic. All I can say is that I feel my Jewish roots most in an Ashkenazi social setting. I love that *haymishkeit*."

He inherited that love from his late father, Joe, a Russian-born lawyer, who arrived in Toronto at the age of 4, and especially his grandfather, Jacob, who operated a salami processing plant on Richmond St.

"My father, who died when I was 14, I considered a genius," says Solway. "He was that brilliant.

"But I never did quite forgive him for dropping the letter 'o' in the family name. The label on my grandfather's *voorsht* casing has always spelled out our family name in full — Soloway's Salami.

"My father dropped the 'o' and I've never understood why. Since I had my bar mitzvah at the downtown Lubavitcher Synagogue, you couldn't call my father an anti-semite. I like to joke that he was an anti-'o'ite."

He also inherited a love for *Yiddishkeit* from his mother, Susan, who is still alive "at an unpublishable age" and a supreme *bahlibaste* whose borscht and chicken soup, he says, are matchless.

Solway, who attended Forest Hill and Vaughan Road Collegiate, has been a broadcaster and actor for 35 years. It all started at the age of 11, when he was a student at Toronto's Theatre of Action under the tutelage of director Basya Hunter.

Prophetically perhaps his first acting role, performed at the old Margaret Eaton Hall at 21 McGill, was titled *Oliver's Island*.

"I played the title role of Oliver," says Solway. "All I remember about the part is that he was a little swashbuckler who championed causes with a crusader's sword."

In essence, Solway is still playing that role, but he prefers to call himself a "tumler" — the kind of entertainer who performs before Jewish guests at a resort hotel.

"Is 'tumler' a Jewish word or does it come from the English word 'tumult'?" he was asked.

Solway's satanic brows arched.

"Don't bang me a tea kettle," said the curmudgeon. "A tumler *macht a tumul* . . . He makes a tumul. Any Jew knows that."

Larry Solway

Heat: a forgettable film that depends on violence

By
SHELDON KIRSHNER

TORONTO —

Take *Heat* for what it is — a modest, unambitious film meant to divert your attention from the weightier aspects of life.

For all its drawbacks, *Heat* is totally without pretensions. Its intention is to entertain, if you can call sporadic violence a form of entertainment, and in that respect it is not unsuccessful.

Certain film directors, having noticed that a mass audience is not averse to a little blood here and there, cater to such tastes. The makers of *Heat*, now playing at Cineplex Odeon theatres, have absorbed that lesson well.

On the outskirts of Las Vegas, an unidentified man dumps a bloodied woman in a tight white dress on the shoulder of a road. She moans in agony and confusion, and manages to stumble toward a nearby hospital. Whoever roughed her up obviously had no intention of killing her.

The lady (Karen Young) is hopping mad and she wants revenge. She approaches her friend, Nick Escalante (Burt Reynolds), a Vietnam veteran who makes his living protecting people. Escalante is very adept with his hands and with "edged weapons." She has gone to the right party.

Escalante finds her tormentor in a local hotel, the slimy son of a gangland boss, and gives him and his burly bodyguards their just dessert.

Heat, which is based on a novel by William Goldman, has a less satisfying subsidiary plot: Escalante's casual relationship with a naive, baby-faced tourist (Peter MacNicol) who wants to learn the martial arts. This footage is amorphous and mostly unnecessary, and only serves to underscore the flimsy nature of the picture.

Burt Reynolds is a natural actor who portrays a man who doesn't really like his trade, who dreams of visiting Venice, and who cannot overcome an addiction to high-stakes gambling. Reynolds, through the bat of an eyelash or a deadpan stare, can convey a gamut of emotions.

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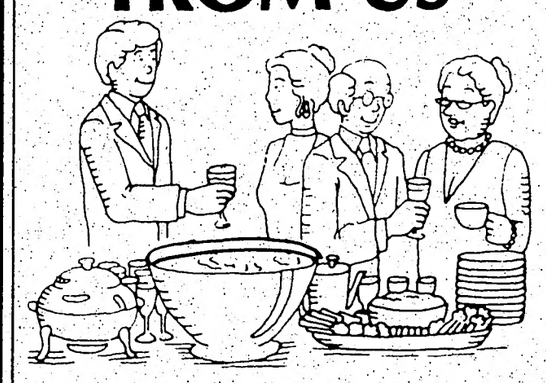

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Music matches fund raising zeal at Great Gathering

TORONTO —

The Great Gathering, the recent gala concert fund raiser at Roy Thomson Hall, lived up to its name.

With the possible exception of the Huberman centenary in Tel Aviv in December 1982, never before had so many of the leading classical music superstars of the day performed in one concert on one stage.

The Great Gathering served a most worthy cause: to maintain the continued financial health of the Toronto Symphony, who, under the 25-year management of the soon-to-be-retiring German-Jewish impresario Walter Homburger, has become one of the world's most respected orchestras.

In this one evening, attended by Ontario's corporate and cultural establishment, $2,350,000 was raised.

The music matched the fund raising zeal. The 4-hour concert not only featured such superstars as Isaac Stern, Matislav Rostropovich and Pinchas Zukerman among others, but choice of material, while often familiar, was never corny.

It consisted of some of the greatest masterpieces of the baroque and romnantic eras as well as the final movement of a choral work by Srul Irving Glick.

Every single selection was a highlight. But if one had to choose which were perhaps the most memorable performances, one would have to pick: (1) The rendition of Pablo de Sarasate's Carmen Fantasie on Themes of Bizet, performed by the amazing 15-year-old Japanese violin virtuoso Midori; (2) the splendidly resonant full cello of Mstislav Rostropovich in Dvorak's Cello Concerto in B Minor, and (3) the authoritative interpretation of Bach's Concerto for Two Violins by Isaac Stern and Pinchas Zukerman.

Of all the performers, the wonderfully warm-hearted Stern performed the most. While he modestly took no solo roles, he performed with Zukerman and the full orchestra in the above-mentioned concerto plus as a member of a strong quartet with such fellow luminaries as Jean-Pierre Rampal on flute, Rostropovich and Yo-Yo Ma on cello, and with Maureen Forrester and the orchestra in an aria from Bach's St. Matthew's Passion.

Maureen Forrester then sang solo with the TSO, under the direction of Andrew Davis, in a magnificently ebullient rendition of two laconically humorous love songs from Gustav Mahler's Des Knaben Wunderhorn.

The grand orchestral works were left to the baton of Seiji Ozawa, such as the opener, Verdi's I Vespri Siciliana overture, and the closing Dvorak Cello Concerto. Ozawa also conducted the TSO in Mozart's Piano Concerto #21 which was performed by American pianist, Murray Perahia, whose clear sparkling controlled tone was impeccable.

Victor Feldbrill conducted the TSO in Jean-Pierre Rampal's major solo piece, Vivaldi's beautiful Flute Concerto No. 3. Rampal also performed with the quartet in Mozart's Quartet for Flute, Violin, Viola and Cello, during which Pinchas Zukerman played viola.

Elmer Iseler conducted the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir together with the TSO for the final movement of Srul Glick's The Hour has Come, a triumphantly major-key majestic work which sounds better on its own than in the context of the full choral suite.

Pianist Louis Lortie's solo renditions of several flamboyantly graceful etudes by Lizst and Chopin provided a romantic contrast to the more cerebrally substantive but equally expressive stylings of Perahia.

Similarly, the deep texture of Rostropovich's cello was counterbalanced by the lighter virtuoso effervescence of the younger Yo-Yo Ma, whose exuberant rendition of Haydn's Cello Concerto followed by his solo performance of Bach's Sarabande from his sixth Solo Cello Suite, set the exhilarating mood for the whole evening.

Unfortunately, illness prevented Victor Borge, who was also originally scheduled, from performing. But the concert nonetheless ended on a humorous note with an amazingly irreverent Andrew Davis rendition of Strauss' Die Fledermaus Overture.

The final chord of the concert, however, was the most significant, because it brought out on stage Walter Homburger.

It was a tribute to Homburger's immense stature that all these musical superstars eagerly chose to come to Toronto to perform for this Great Gathering.

The audience realized that and justly gave him the greatest standing ovation of all for a most illustrious career. — R.K.

Orenstein and Betcherman invest in new Canadian pop musicians

music

By RICK KARDONNE

Brent Orenstein and Ivan Betcherman are two key investors in the production of Ron Nigrini's album The Drift on his own Oasis label.

Many of the major record companies, especially in Canada where branch-plant mentality prevails, have become overly timid in recording new pop singers. A whole generation has become lost through lack of exposure.

That is why many aspiring singers have decided to produce their own albums. This has been thanks to such unsung heroes as Orenstein and Betcherman who have invested in such efforts.

Ron Nigrini's album's style is most suitable for those in the 30-40 age bracket but can simultaneously appeal to all who appreciate the laidback, more relaxed soft-rock sound which predominated during the mid-1970s.

There is suitable musical variety provided by some of Toronto's top musicians such as guitarist Bob Mann, violinists Gerard Kantarjian, Philip Frank, Jo Toth and Anne Lindsay, saxophonist John Johnson and backup singers of the likes of the very fine Lanes Overholt and veteran Shirley Eikhard.

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York University's Spring Dance 87, presented recently at Harbourfront, proves that the future of modern dance in Toronto is in good hands.

Under the artistic direction of Juan Antonio, the students and faculty of York's dance department displayed a forward-looking urban eclecticism marked by innovation and on-stage verve.

Most unique was Denise Duric's The Verge, a choreographed verbal treatment on the word "screaming." While Tango d'Octobre, choreographed by Juan Antonio and featuring Janet Aronoff and Fanny Ghorayeb, could have used more romantically flamboyant costumes, its actual dance movements were executed flawlessly.

Kerri Weir's Grasping Forces conveyed a feeling of modern pulsating energy in a sophisticated yet accessible context. Lisa Hopkin's Skid was set to immortal Gershwin standards, while Michelle Farwell's Engravings was set to music by Ira Stein and Russel Walder. Meridian, directed by Tama Soble and created with Paula Ravitz, was initially performed by the Toronto Independent Dance Ensemble.

More classical pieces concluded both halves of the program. Gail Benn's stunning Last Word had Elgar's Cello Concerto, and Antonio's Imago was set to Brahms' Piano Sonata.

Ron Nigrini

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Arraymusic is now accepting applications for the 1987 Young Composers in Residence Workshop. This will be the second annual workshop for composers who have completed basic studies in composition and would welcome the opportunity to work directly with an ensemble on the development of a new work.

The workshop will result in the creation of a chamber music work through weekly sessions with the ensemble from Nov. 9 to Dec. 5 with the final performance on Sunday, Dec. 13.

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A Show of Hands expands

Increased demand for Canadian crafts fuels gallery

By
MARK DODICK

TORONTO —
Word of mouth promotion and an increasing demand for fine, Canadian crafts have led a local gallery to expansion and sales growth, one of its owners says.

Joyce Spiegel says she and partner Karen Morton now represent about 150 artisans at their A Show of Hands crafts gallery, 1947 Avenue Rd. at Felbrigg Ave.

And adds Spiegel, their temporary exhibition space upstairs, which has about three changing shows per year, is booked solid to 1988.

Only the work of Canadian craftsmen is carried in the gallery which expanded by 40% to 1,300 square feet of exhibition space last year.

These two ceramic pieces by Diane Puize-Grenier made in 1986 are the type of crafts seen at A Show of Hands.

Among the Jewish artisans whose work is carried by the gallery are: Lenore Atwood, Irit Lipkin, Tessa Stein, Linda Freeman, Tootsie Halbert, Paul Rozman, Jack Sures, Leonard Marcoe, Adrian Diner, Sarah Weber, Carole Rossman, Bernice Starkman, Selma Klayman, Paula Crelinsten and others.

Spiegel describes Jack Sures of Regina as one of the foremost artists in Canada who work with clay. He will be having a show at the gallery in the spring of 1988, and says Spiegel: "For him to ask to show here is really a compliment for us."

The materials used by the artists include everything from clay and glass to papier mache, leather and wood.

The work itself is also varied in character and includes whimsical and playful figurines, fanciful teapots, clay masks and serious, abstract glass sculpture. The gallery does not exhibit Eskimo works, Judaica or other specialties.

"We know our field well," says Spiegel who started the gallery with Morton three years ago. "We had both done this as collectors. It's where we have expertise rather than in painting."

Explaining their choice of location away from trendy and expensive Yorkville, Spiegel says she and Morton wanted to be near their homes on Bayview Ave., and "many galleries couldn't make it in the high rent areas. We felt this is an up and coming area."

They've developed a regular clientele, she says, and are not concerned about competition.

"We're unique in what we carry and if there is competition it's one that promotes the artists. We're really not concerned about it because we're established and have a good rapport with the artists."

Among their recent customers has been the Baycrest Centre. Representatives from the centre chose about six pieces in October to decorate one of the dining rooms, picking works that would appeal to residents with limited vision.

About the wide selection of work the gallery carries, Spiegel says, "there's something for everybody. The strangest things will appeal to people and that's why we have such a wide variety.

"I seem to know what the customers will like," she adds, noting that she and Morton have traveled the country in search of artists to represent.

Spiegel says she does not know how many pieces per year A Show of Hands sells, "but it's amazing that we have done so well in such a short time."

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Bands to battle May 22-23

By
RICK KARDONNE

TORONTO —
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On May 22-23, at the Concert Hall at Yonge and Davenport, there will be an extravaganza competition at which 18 of Toronto's top high school rock bands will compete for valuable prizes, media exposure and maybe even recording contracts.

Nine bands will play each night before an audience of up to 2,000 persons. All of Toronto's media have been invited, together with all independent record company representatives and promoters.

Ari Huber

Toronto's pop music scene, even at the high school level, is one of the best in North America. Since Toronto is one of the continent's most ethnically diverse cities, musical influences from all over the world, from reggae to European new wave, make themselves felt in the local rock scene.

Yet for too long this indigenous scene has been neglected by the major media here due both to the branch-plant mentality of record company distributors and the fact that high school bands are forbidden to play in licenced clubs because they are underage.

This situation will hopefully change in the near future for the better, thanks to three Jewish Toronto students who initiated the Battle of the Bands concept: Lorne Aboni, a student at A. Y. Jackson High School; Mark Brodkin, a graduate of A. Y. Jackson currently working at a law office, and second year University of Toronto student Ari Huber.

Interested high school bands (at least one member must be in high school) are advised to call the 24-hour hotline number 631-2128 for registration. There will be a screening process to determine which bands will make it to the Concert Hall.

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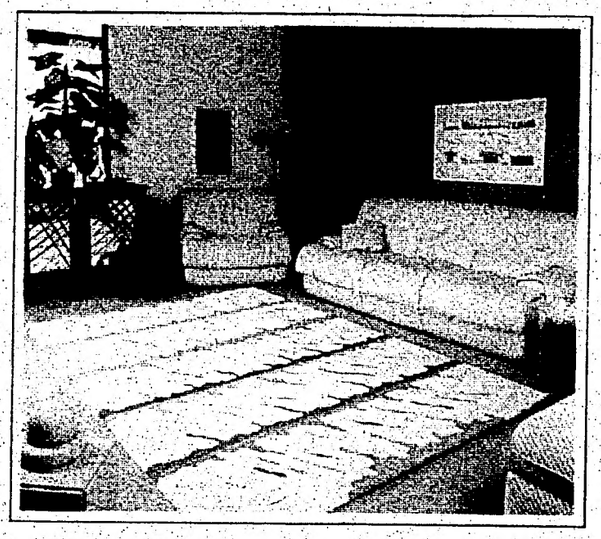
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By
BERNARD BASKIN

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The wide-ranging subjects include Bible criticism, charity, chosen people, Conservative Judaism, ecumenism, free will, halacha, chassidism, justice, Jerusalem, midrash, music, peace, science, silence, utopia, Zionism. It is hard to think of a significant or salient concept or movement that has not been discussed. Only the culture and teachings of the Sephardim seem to be missing.

A number of contributions assume a fair amount of Jewish knowledge and formal education on the part of the reader and some of the essays require close and diligent study.

In his article on Christianity, David Flusser of Israel's Hebrew University comes to this surprising conclusion: "An attentive reading (of the New Testament Gospels) will make us aware that Jesus proposed interesting solutions to certain Jewish ethical and theological problems within the framework of the Hillelite trend of his time. His solutions and his humane understanding of man, God, and the Torah have a potentially positive message for Judaism today . . . and can help us to uncover other hidden forces in our glorious past which, to our own detriment, have been forgotten or neglected."

Rabbi Emil Fackenheim insists on the uniqueness of the Holocaust: "Never before in history had a state attempted to make a whole country — indeed, as in this case a whole continent — rein (free) of every member of a whole people, man, woman and child. Never have attempts resembling the Holocaust been pursued with methods so thorough and with such unswerving goal-directness. It is difficult to imagine, and impossible to believe that, this having happened, world history can ever be the same."

Susannah Heschel in her article on Feminism asserts that most Jewish feminists are trying to remain within the Jewish framework. But they are faced with the difficult and constant problem of trying to justify the continued relevance of traditions and beliefs they want to retain.

On the other hand, Blu Greenberg in her essay on Women and Judaism believes that there are sufficient precedents of equality between the sexes in Judaism to build a sturdy structure for the future. "We are fortunate to live in a time when equality for women and commitment to Jewish tradition are not mutually exclusive alternatives but rather can enhance each other."

Non-denominational in spirit and outlook this book achieves a welcome balance among the various wings of Judaism and their distinctive modes of thinking.

This volume — a Herculean project several years in the planning — will serve as a fitting memorial to the late Arthur A. Cohen. It contains a splendid index, helpful glossary, brief biographical notes on the contributors and a select bibliography following each essay.

Despite its price this veritable encyclopedia of knowledge in the realm of Jewish religious thought belongs in every institutional library and in the homes of serious Jews concerned with the meaning and complexity of their faith.

Casa Loma Big Band: Music's all reet Daddyo

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
The Saturday night jamborees for jitterbugs that Casa Loma has revived for lovers of Big Band music can be summed up very simply.

As we graying swing-and-swayers used to say in the 1940s and 1950s: The rug-cutting was real hep and the boogie-woogie beat was all reet, Daddyo!

More than 260 dancers — a surprising number of them post-yuppies aged from 35 to 45, according to Casa Loma manager Howard Muchnick — turned up recently to fling up their heels joyously or to dance cheek to cheek romantically to the superb music of the 16-piece Tom de Moraes Swing Orchestra.

Lesley Corne

He's a Portuguese African-born musician of 56, who claims to be leading Toronto's only big swing band that performs gigs on a regular basis — mostly at the Palais Royale and Ontario Place.

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My criteria for judging a swing orchestra are based on its ability to play a danceable version of Artie Shaw's *Begin The Beguine*, Glenn Miller's *Tuxedo Junction* and Benny Goodman's *Let's Dance*!

The Tom de Moraes Orchestra passed all three tests royally, with clarinetist Brian Ogilvie deserving a special mention for his hot licks.

His ensemble will be back at Casa Loma (1 Austin Terrace, 923-1171) on Saturday night, April 25.

As the title of one of his Big Band numbers truly states: *It's A Lovely Way To Spend An Evening*.

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The most delightful surprise of the evening was the singing of Lesley Corne, a tiny brunette vocalist with a big belting voice reminiscent of Jo Stafford and Helen Forrest plus a cantorial wail that reflects her Jewish heritage.

She is a former Winnipegger who has performed in Toronto previously with that city's Chai Folk Ensemble. And she comes by her musical artistry honestly — her mother, Irene Corne, being a professional opera and classical music singer and her maternal grandfather, Lawrence Genser, concert pianist with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra.

Now 27 and studying nursing at University of Toronto, she has all the makings of a splendid pop singer.

I liked particularly her version of Jo Stafford's *Sunday Kind Of Love* and the plaintive *I've Heard That Song Before* in the style of Helen Forrest to the beat of the Harry James Orchestra.

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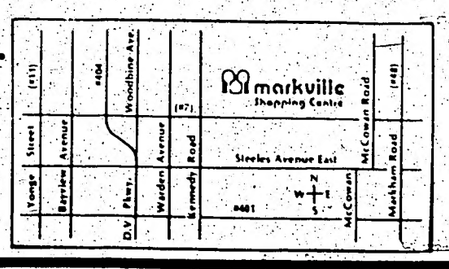

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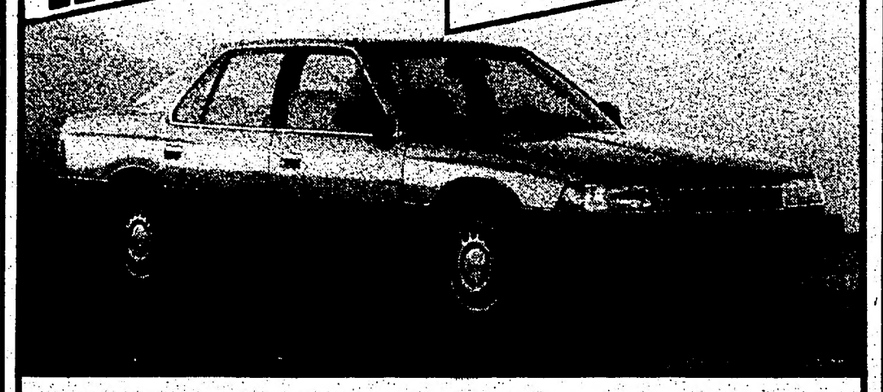

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Vanity Press a strained in-bred character comedy

By
FRANK RASKY

TORONTO —
Pay attention, theatregoers, and consider these two questions:

Do you really care about the hangups of an unpublished, untalented, boozy, wouldbe writer from Elmira, Ont.? He has quit his teaching job and ditched his wife and kids, so he can write The Great Canadian Novel.

And are you really interested in the hangups of an ego-driven, highpowered, conniving, divorced career woman in Toronto? She is scheming to get Ottawa literary grants, so that her smalltime Wolverine Press can continue publishing, with the unpaid aid of her wacko daughter and her druggy son, poetry and Can-Lit fiction as well as cookbooks on how to bake milkweed cookies.

This theatregoer pondered these profound questions while attending *Vanity Press* (running until April 5 at the Tarragon Theatre's Extra Space, 30 Bridgman Ave. 531-1827).

It's a first play by James Polk, himself the editorial director since 1973 of Toronto's House of Anansi Press, and obviously a literary man concerned with such lofty matters.

Alas, I found it a strained, 6-character comedy, intermittently illuminated by flashes of chichi wit, but too restricted to its in-bred, ingroupish, specialized sphere of literary tittletattle to be of general interest.

Furthermore, I couldn't identify with any of its shallow characters. The only one I could relate to was the aspiring novelist who pleads with the sleek publisher, after she has had an affair with him and decided she won't publish his dreadful novel: "Say something real! Talk to me!"

The trouble is that none of the characters seem real and their idea of conversation is to prattle gossip about so-called literary celebrities who hang out at the Courtyard Cafe.

Overwhelmed by a wooden script and inept direction by Andy McKim (who had the performers roar rather than speak their lines), the cast simply didn't have a chance. I particularly admired the skill of Diana Belshaw as the publisher and Judy Marshak as the earnest cookbook writer. But, for all their talent, they were defeated by their thin and implausible lines.

It's the sort of specialized play that perhaps can be recommended to fanciers of milkweed cookies.

Diana Belshaw and Michael McManus, though gifted Toronto performers, are defeated by their lines in Vanity Press. [Michael Cooper photo]

Gelman play a season highlight in Vancouver

By
GARY POGROW

VANCOUVER —
The North American premiere of We The Undersigned by the Russian Jewish playwright Alexander Gelman will be one of the highlights of the 25th anniversary season, 1987-88, of the Vancouver Playhouse put together by Guy Sprung, the new artistic director.

Sprung, whose appointment at the Playhouse is for one year with a possible option for renewal, is the artistic director of The Toronto Free Theatre. He will maintain his position with the TFT while at the Playhouse.

"Gelman is the G. B. Shaw of today in Russia," said Sprung. "He writes on all sorts of political issues which are usually critical of the government and I don't know why, but they put him on."

Sprung believes that We The Undersigned is an extraordinary play and is bringing in Eric Peterson to play the lead and Richard Greenblatt to direct.

"We're going to try to bring Gelman here for the production," said Sprung. "He's not one of the few writers that they let out, but things are changing so rapidly that maybe they will let him come. We'll certainly see if we can do it."

The rest of the season will consist of classics and Canadian plays. To launch the 25th anniversary, Sprung will direct Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream which will feature a large cast of Vancouver's best actors and designers.

The rest of the schedule is: Tom Wood's B-Movie; Moliere's Tartuffe adapted by Green Thumb's Dennis Foon; Back To Beulah by W. O. Mitchell; and a choice between Sharon Pollack's Doc or George F. Wlaker's Zastorzzi: A Master of Discipline.

Sprung concedes that he won't be able to stay for five years like the previous director, Walter Learning. "It's an odd situation, but there's wisdom in it."

However long he stays will be good. Sprung has already put a fresh and vital stamp on the scene. The new season promises to be a very exciting one, something that the Playhouse hasn't had for a long time.

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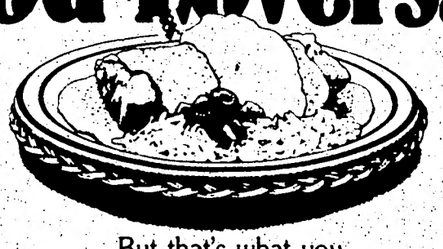

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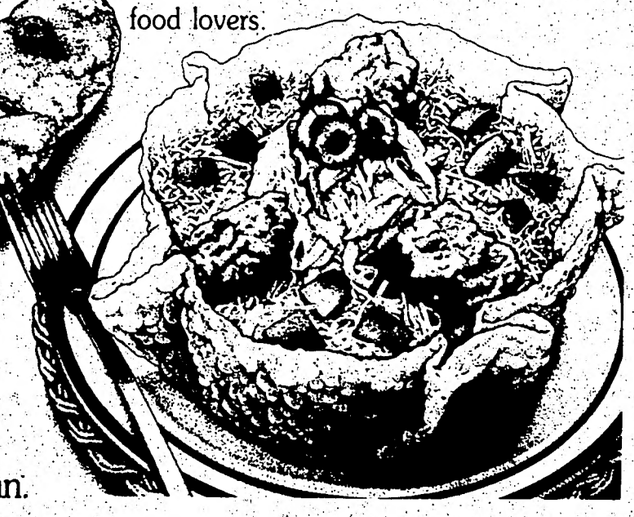

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Travel

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Deluxe Orient cruise promises memorable experience

By
LEILA SPEISMAN

TORONTO —

Most of us buy Lieberman's chocolates in local Jewish stores. Myrna Lass, a travel agent with Tower Travel has another suggestion: buy them in Tokyo, on a tour departing here May 16.

She relates how a group in Tokyo was browsing through a department store, when someone noticed the familiar Lieberman's name. "Everyone bought some — just to say he or she had bought kosher chocolates in Tokyo!"

A 3-day trip to Japan is the first stop on what Lass calls a "deluxe cruise to the Orient," on the Norwegian Royal Viking Line. The tour will first visit Tokyo, Kyoto and Kobe, where they will board the cruise ship for a 2-week cruise to the South China Sea.

The ship will stop at Beijing (Peking) and at Shanghai, and participants can visit such sites as the Forbidden City, the Great Wall of China, and the famous gardens of Wuxu.

"Since the ship is our hotel, it is a much more comfortable way of traveling. Besides, you are never completely sure of the quality of hotels in China," said Lass.

After the leisurely cruise, the ship will dock at Hong Kong. A 3-night visit to that city is included in the cost of the cruise, as is the Japanese portion of the trip.

Lass is enthusiastic about the cruise, which she will accompany. "The Royal Viking Line," she said, "was the first line to do the China trip," and thus is experienced in making the experience memorable.

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Kosher food will be available on board. Friday night services are memorable. "Imagine praying on board a ship with Jews from all over the world," she said.

The tour will return on June 6. Lass advises early booking. "Last year many who wanted to go were disappointed," she said.

She is also leading a land tour of the Orient, departing October 10. Highlights of that tour will include visits to the Jewish synagogues and communities of Bangkok and Singapore, and a visit to the kosher Beverley Hills Deli in Hong Kong, "where Yiddish-speaking Chinese waiters offer you kneidlach and chicken soup."

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Members of officers club visiting Israel on special tour

TORONTO —

For the first time in over a decade a tour group from the Royal Canadian Military Institute are visiting Israel.

Some 15 members of the 96-year-old officers club, and Joe Becker, a veteran himself and a coordinator of the trip, are on the tour, March 23 - April 6.

The idea for the trip grew out of a lecture delivered at the club in November by Col. Joshuah Bar Am of the Israel Defence Forces, says Capt. Charles Scott Brown, chairman of the Institute's functions committee.

Brown, who cannot participate on the tour because of family commitments, said that all those who are going will be traveling to Israel for the first time.

The group will be guests of Maj.-Gen. Aharon Yariv and visitors to the Centre for Special Studies, says Brown; and the tour, organized by Aufgang Travel, will feature stops at a number of sites of interest to military personnel.

The trip is scheduled to cover Jerusalem, Masada, Qumran, the Dead Sea, the Jordan Valley and Galilee, the Golan Heights, Nazareth, Acre, Haifa, Caesarea and Tel Aviv.

The itinerary includes a wreath laying ceremony at Yad Vashem; planting a tree in a JNF forest; and meetings with civic and military leaders.

Participants attending a recent orientation meeting at the Institute's headquarters at 426 University Ave. expressed interest in learning about the history, seeing the holy and military sites and getting to know the people of Israel.

Becker said he hoped the trip would be the first of many more from the Institute.

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Vibrant Jewish community in popular desert town

One shul serves all groups in pleasant Palm Springs

By
SAM LIPSHITZ

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. —

Palm Springs, the beautiful desert town in the south of California, has long been considered the exclusive winter vacation home for the affluent and the fashionable playground for the famous Hollywood stars and other celebrities. Surrounded and sheltered by the San Jacinto mountains, which tower 8,000 feet above the Colorado Desert, Palm Springs enjoys a most benign climate, around 340 sunny days and cool, pleasant nights. The air — in the words of the late William Holden — "caresses you. It is like velvet."

Palm Springs proper, with a permanent population of only about 36,000, is a comparatively small city. It borders, however, on the east with a cluster of small towns, such as Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert and Indio and with Desert Hot Springs on the north. All of these are located in the Coachella Valley and have a combined population of over 120,000. They are popularly considered as the Greater Palm Springs area.

In the last few decades Palm Springs has ceased to be the exclusive domain of the rich. No less than 2 million visitors came here last year and many of them remained as seasonal inhabitants — for two, three or six months a year. Among them were many Canadians.

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Palm Springs has a vibrant and very active Jewish community. In a lengthy conversation with Rabbi Joseph Hurwitz of Temple Isaiah, I learned many details about the Jewish community, its activities, its influence and its problems.

Rabbi Hurwitz is not only a very influential and popular leader in the Jewish community, he is also one of the most respected and prominent citizens generally. Last year he was the unanimous choice as Palm Spring's citizen of the year.

The permanent Jewish population of the city of Palm Springs is about 4,000. There are about 13,000 Jews living in the Coachella Valley. Approximately half of this number are retirees, people who came here to spend their "golden years." They came from New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, as well as from Vancouver, Calgary, Winnipeg and even from Toronto and Montreal.

Most of the Jews living here are either business people or professionals and employees in the service sector. Some of the residents are among the upper echelon, people like the former ambassador and publisher Walter Annenberg, Marion Davis, movie star Kirk Douglas, author Herman Wouk and a few others. In contrast — and surprising as it may sound — close to 10% of the Jewish population lives below the poverty line, many having to rely on social security and welfare.

It is a cohesive and well-organized Jewish community, with a surprising number of active organizations. There is the Jewish Federation, whose executive director Nat Bend is a former Canadian. There is the Jewish Community Centre, the Jewish Family Service, B'nai B'rith, Hadassah, Na'amat (Pioneer Women), Friends of the Hebrew University, Technion and Jewish War Veterans.

Jewish men and women are among the foremost supporters and activists of the general cultural institutions, such as the Palm Springs Museum, the Palm Springs Opera Guild of the Desert and other cultural activities, of which a small city like Palm Springs has a surprisingly large number.

Array of cultural activities

Most of the Jewish social and cultural activities take place at the Jewish Community-Centre Temple Isaiah, a new, magnificent multimillion dollar structure, which was opened less than two years ago. It is one of the largest temples in California. The seating capacity of the sanctuary is over 1,200. Its social hall can easily accommodate 700 people. Among the largest donors to the building fund was Frank Sinatra.

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Conservative and Orthodox services, all peformed by the same rabbi. Services take place every Friday evening and Saturday morning, alternating between Conservative and Reform every week. Orthodox devotees hold their services on Friday at sundown and early Saturday morning, as well as every weekday morning.

During the high vacation season, no less than between 1,000 and 1,200 attend the Friday evening services. The popularity of the Friday evening services is due to a large degree to (the popularity of) Rabbi Hurwitz and Cantor Giora Sharon, accompanied by a truly magnificent choir. Cantor Sharon is a former star of the Israeli National Opera, and one of the artists of the Palm Springs Opera Guild.

Temple Isaiah Jewish Community Centre is also the home for many Jewish cultural activities — concerts, theatre performances and lectures. A group calling itself "Fun with Yiddish" meets once a month and carries on its activities in Yiddish.

A few weeks ago, Cantor David Begley of Beth Sholom in Toronto was the guest artist at a cantorial concert of Jewish classical and folk music. It was a most successful affair. The large sanctuary was packed and Cantor Begley received an enthusiastic ovation.

The Saturday morning services that weekend were dedicated to Canadians vacationing or living here. Max Goody of Toronto was the guest speaker. Among the many Canadians vacationing here, I met Sam Sable, Harry Simon, Jacob Egit, Oscar Antel of Winnipeg and quite a number of others.

Temple Isaiah also sponsors a 3-day-a-week afternoon school for children.

There are other synagogues in the greater Palm Springs area: Temple Sinai in Palm Desert and Temple Nove Sholom in Desert Hot Springs, and a small ultra-Orthodox congregation, Chabad of Palm Springs.

Relations with the non-Jewish community are excellent, according to Hurwitz. The rabbi is currently chairman of the Interfaith Relations Committee. This year's Martin Luther King commemoration took place at Temple Isaiah, with the participation of Baptist, Lutheran and Anglican ministers along with choirs and soloists from the Black community. It was a most impressive affair, with a large non-Jewish and Jewish audience in attendance.

While there are still manifestations of anti-semitism among some sectors of the population, they are on the decline, according to Hurwitz. The media display a generally favorable attitude towards Israel.

Hurwitz came to Palm Springs 29 years ago, shortly after his graduation from the Jewish Theological Seminary. In addition to the JTS, he studied at UCLA and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He is one of the very few rabbis in the U.S. who received his doctorate from the School of Theology. His wife Rena is a sabra.

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Shore has colorful panorama

Historic vistas around Yam Kinneret thrill visitors

By
PAUL LUNGEN

TIBERIAS —
"Don't bother," the guide kept telling his charges. "It's the same stuff as in the rest of the country."

To no avail. For the first-time visitors to the Jordan River, scene of New Testament accounts of Jesus' baptism, the temptation was too great. And the price was so cheap. Only a couple of shekels (about 90 Canadian cents to the shekel) and you can take home some genuine "holy water" from the Jordan.

"You can get the same water in your tap," the guide kept insisting, shaking his head as his charges ignored his advice and purchased small bottles of Jordan River water for friends back home.

If you travel to Kinneret — Israel's Sea of Galilee — you'll see the same scene repeated everywhere. Hundreds of people trying to walk in Jesus' footsteps — take home holy water, visit the scene where the New Testament said he fed the multitudes, see where he preached the sermon on the mount.

They keep Israeli hotels, restaurants and other tourism-related businesses busy in the winter months, and as you travel around Kinneret you're bound to hear a cacophony of languages: French, Swedish, Spanish and German among others.

For the Jewish tourist, there's always something interesting to see even if the Christian sites don't stir your imagination: synagogues, historic sites, hot springs and hot weather year round.

Even during the winter months, the area around Kinneret is sunny and lush with new vegetation. From atop the hills overlooking Kinneret, the panorama abounds with the brightest blues, greens and yellows imaginable and the fragrant aroma of yellow wildflowers hangs heavy in the crisp air.

Kinneret is beautiful in the winter, and with daytime temperatures hovering in the 20-25 C range, much more bearable than in the muggy heat of summer.

Tiberias sits as a modern city on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee. Founded in 20 CE by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, Tiberias became a centre of learning and eventually one of the four holy cities of Palestine after the fall of Jerusalem in 70 CE.

In 1562, Don Joseph and his mother-in-law Donna Grazia of Portugal unsuccessfully attempted to revive Jewish Tiberias after a period of decline. A successful revival took place in the 18th century and by 1948 4,000 Jews resided in Tiberias. Today, the city is home for 30,000.

Some of Tiberias' medieval walls can still be seen coursing their way through the new city. The walls' black basalt rock can also be seen in buildings throughout the area.

Tiberias today offers an interesting Museum of Antiquities located in an abandoned mosque as well as the tomb of Rabbi Moses Maimonides — the Rambam — who was buried here in 1204. The grave of Rabbi Akiba, killed by Romans in 135 CE, is located on a nearby hillside.

South of Tiberias is Hammath Tiberias, with a mineral hot spring that turns it into a spa. If you enjoy watersports, you can indulge yourself on the Kinneret: swimming, water skiing or just plain boat cruising are available throughout the year.

Some of the cruise ships that ply the still water of the Sea of Galilee belong to the restaurants that line the sea shore. They serve Israel's famous St. Peter's fish to throngs of visitors, who can enjoy a seaside view while dining.

A note of warning: even though St. Peter's fish is tasty, if you don't like to know that what you're eating was once alive, avoid the fish. It's served whole, with head, tail and fins intact. And it's a boney fish. You may expend as many calories removing its bones as you get from eating it. Still, it's a tasty dish.

Kinneret is surrounded by numerous Christian holy sites and Jewish visitors could do worse that taking in some of those attractions. The view from the Mount of Beatitudes church is stunning and the church itself is beautifully located in a garden-like setting.

Six hundred feet below sea level, where Kinneret feeds the Jordan River as it begins its trek southward to the Dead Sea, you can find a semi-tropical pool of water surrounded by thick vegetation. Here, fervent Christians wind their way between iron railings to water level, where they undergo baptism in the same waters in which, tradition has it, Jesus was baptized by John.

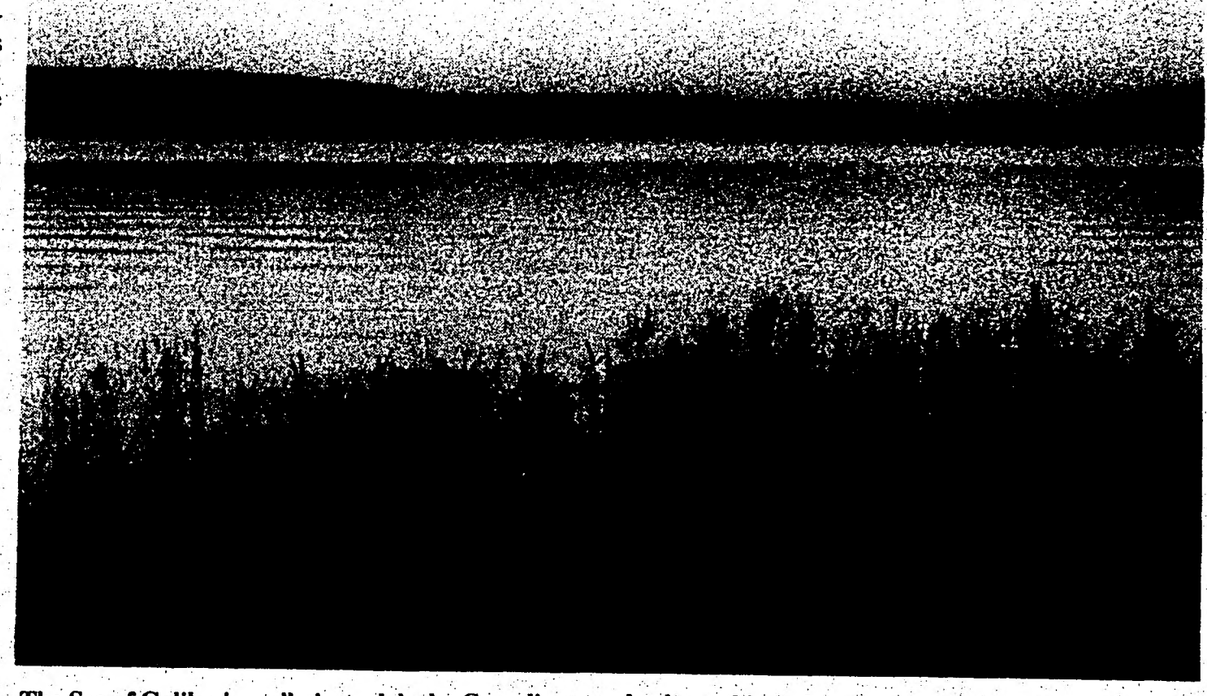
Sometimes you can't hear the devout shouts of "hallelujah" for the sound of camera shutters clicking (I plead guilty). Christians from all over the world come here to see or participate in the dunking — even from nearby South Lebanon.

Jewish and Christian holy sites coexist side by side at Capernaum, where a synagogue made of white limestone testifies to the wealth of the ancient Jewish community. Nearby is a Byzantine Octagonal Church.

When acquired by the Franciscan Order in 1891, the area was a wasteland strewn with engraved stones that were being burned into quicklime by Bedouins. A fence was put up and the stones saved. You can still see portions of synagogue columns and other stones and mosaics decorated with floral motifs, palm trees, grapes, pomegranates and Stars of David.

The synagogue itself, with Roman columns to hold up the 2-storey structure, still has the stone benches along one wall where the male congregants sat during services.

The white limestone is proof of the community's wealth, since the congregation eschewed the use of the local, black volcanic stone. The white stone had to be shipped in, piece by piece.



The Sea of Galilee is really just a lake by Canadian standards, as this early morning shot of Kinneret shows. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Parades, festivals, walking and boat tours

NY Jewish cultural attractions proliferate in spring

By
ROSE KLEINER

NEW YORK —

New York's rich winter cultural programs continue into the spring. But with milder weather come parades, festivals, walking tours, and cruises as well.

The Salute to Israel Parade, along Fifth Ave., is on May 17. The Lower East Side Jewish Festival, along Essex, Grand and Canal Sts., is on May 31. The Museum Mile Festival, along Fifth Ave. (from 82nd to 104th Sts.), is on June 9.

About two dozen walking tours are scheduled by the 92nd Street Y. A visit to Jewish Harlem (April 5), once the home of distinguished Jewish families, will cover the former homes of Richard Rodgers, Nathaniel West and Arthur Miller.

The Lower East Side Pre-Passover Tour (April 12) is of special interest. It includes a visit to the beautiful Eldridge Street Synagogue. This was the first synagogue on the Lower East Side to be built by East European Jews. At one time it was the district's largest Jewish house of worship.

Two other walking tours are in Manhattan and Brooklyn, respectively. The "other" Williamsburg tour takes you to a neighborhood of great mansions, cast iron buildings, and Brooklyn's first synagogue. The mansions of Fifth Ave. are viewed on the Millionaire's Mile tour.

Among the Y's special art tours will be a visit to the Museum of Modern Art to view the Paul Klee exhibit (April 9). The Age of Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent will be explored in yet another tour (April 5).

The Y's tour, Inside Battery Park City, lets participants meet with architects, planners and artists involved in the design of this special community. The area is regarded as exemplifying "a unique collaboration between architect and artist." The tour takes place on June 10.

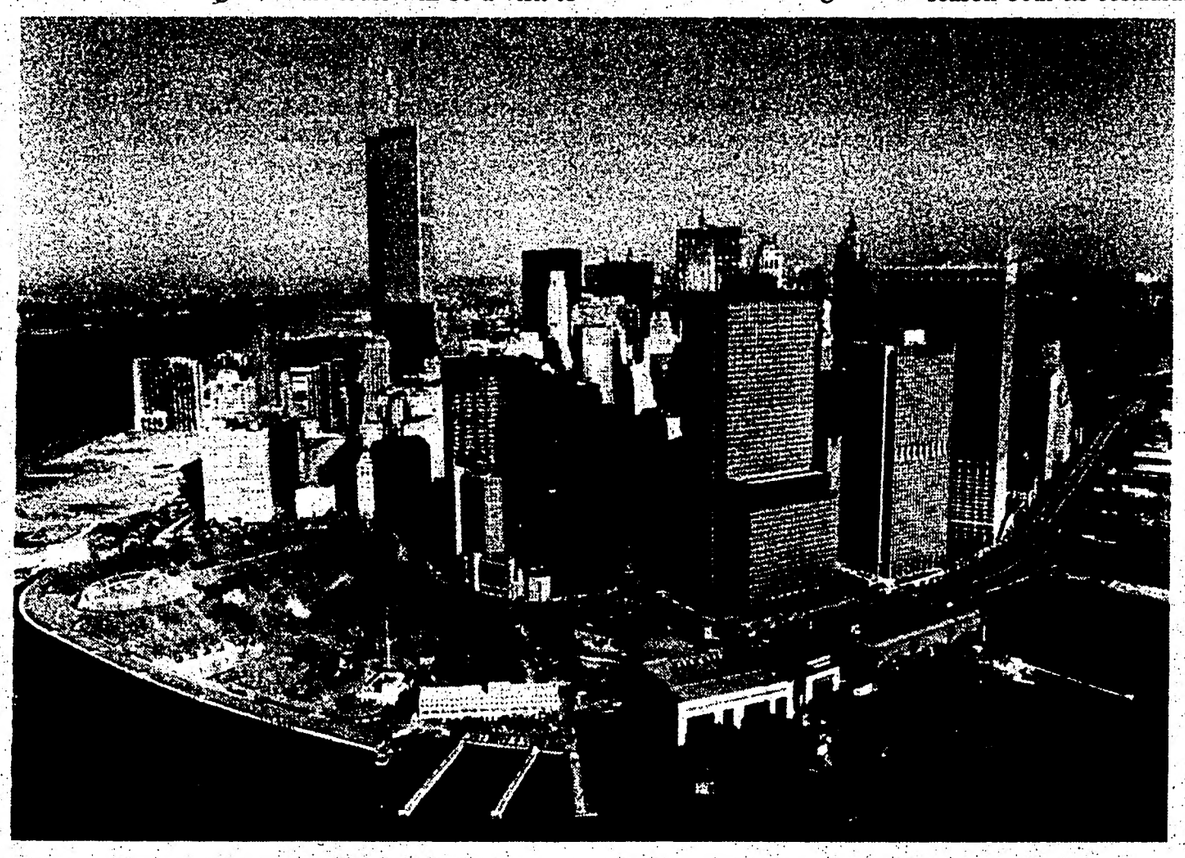
This spring there is a new boat tour of Jewish New York. It is led by author Oscar Israelowitz (718-951-7072).

While the outdoors beckon, New York's indoors are resounding with music, theatre, and art activities.

The city's hostelries, too, are sparing no efforts to accommodate visitors. The New York Hilton spent $50 million to create elegant new guest rooms.

Another newly renovated establishment, the Omni Park Central, has a new standby rate, far below its regular prices, for guests, with no reservations, who check in after 7 p.m. The hotel, elegantly appointed, is located across the street from Carnegie Hall.

A vacation fantasy weekend is offered by the Essex House, on Central Park South, in its "Millionaire's Weekend" package. The U.S. flagship of Nikko Hotels of Japan, this hostelry changes each season both its restaurant menus and its carpeting in the public areas. The latter is to reflect the changing colors in the foliage of Central Park, which is across the street.



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Wherever you stay, try to stop at the relaxing lobby of the Berkshire Place Hotel for tea. Now totally renovated, the hostelry used to be frequented by such figures as Rodgers and Hammerstein, Alfred Hitchcock, Ethel Merman and Salvador Dali.

On the art scene, the city's International Art Expo will be held April 2 to 6 at the Javits Convention Center. The Metropolitan Museum of Art will feature Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Masterpieces from April 4 to the end of June.

"Treasures of The Jewish Museum" will be on view throughout the summer, at the Jewish Museum. "Nerot Mitzvah," at Yeshiva University Museum, is on through July. It features over 100 Jewish ceremonial lamps by 18 designers.

For music lovers, the Hebrew Arts School (570-3949) explores the words and music of Passver on April 5, in a program called "The Story of Passover." The London Zemer Choir will have its New York debut there on May 3, with "A Time Of Freedom," in honor of Soviet Jewry.

You can hear Pinchas Zukerman at Lincoln Center on April 5, and Isaac Stern at Carnegie Hall, on April 16 and May 5. South Pacific, with the New York State Opera, at Lincoln Center, is on until April 26.

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Business Outlook

Kerzner attracts loyal audience

Young cable TV exec aims high

By
SAM MAINSTER

TORONTO —
In an office decorated with U.S. flags and a respectfully placed portrait of Ronald Reagan sits Canada's youngest television station manager.

"I'm extremely conservative and pro-American," says Steven Joel Kerzner, 19, program director/station manager of Newton Cable Television (NCTV) Channel 10. "Those are not popular positions nowadays, but I'm open about them."

This is well known to viewers of NCTV programs such as City by Night and S.J.K., which are written and hosted as well as produced by Kerzner.

S.J.K., a call-in show bearing his initials, Kerzner states he developed as a platform to counter-balance "left-wing views in the media."

"So half our viewers call up to curse me and the other half to bless me," says Kerzner. "But hate me or love me, they're watching and that's what counts."

And they are watching! S.J.K., originally an hour long, was increased to two hours due to the number of calls.

Politics aside, quality in program content and production since Kerzner became station manager in March, 1986, has brought Channel 10 a loyal audience among NCTV's subscribers in the Bathurst Heights and Bathurst Village areas which it has served for 10 years.

Kerzner also offers audiences variety by producing 32 regular series programs each week. "I don't think other cable companies can match us in productivity," he says.

Steven Joel Kerzner

The young community TV executive produces many programs for the large Jewish population of Bathurst Heights and Bathurst Village, such as Rabbi's Study, in which local rabbis discuss issues in Judaism, and Jewish Affairs Hotline, hosted by Jewish Defence League national director Meir Halevi.

Kerzner states that Halevi's program has helped show the organization in a different light. "After seeing the program, people are less likely to see the JDL as militant or terrorist," he says.

Another NCTV program is Kaleidescope, in which host Isaac Gasco translates news into Russian for recently arrived Soviet Jews.

Producing all of NCTV's programs — as well as writing, directing and hosting a few — keeps Kerzner busy. But he still finds time to produce and direct Zelda Young's CITY-TV program, Tapestry, and co-host Shalom on CHIN Radio with Young on Sunday mornings.

Kerzner is also chairman of the Metro Cable Association's programming committee, the youngest person to hold the office. He was NCTV station manager for only two months when the then retiring chairman nominated him as successor.

Being chairman, however, is not something Kerzner enjoys. "I'd never accept it again," he says. "I don't get along with the other committee members. Decisions that they agonize over I would make in a snap."

Kerzner says other cable companies tend to be overcautious with problems such as programming changes or complaints from viewers. "If you're pleasing everybody, you're doing something wrong."

Kerzner's interest in television began before his bar mitzvah, when he and his friends organized a movie company and made films for school projects.

In junior high, Kerzner started producing shows with his friends at NCTV, and in high school worked at the station for a co-op program credit. He eventually received two credits instead of the usual one for the amount of time he spent.

Later in high school, Kerzner worked evenings at the station four days a wek "with the headache producers whom everybody wanted off their backs." Teaching himself to use equipment, he eventually took over production at the station.

Kerzner states that he eventually hopes to move to the United States, particularly Los Angeles. He was once offered production work in Phoenix, but turned it down. "I don't want to jump into anything."

For now, Kerzner is happy where he is, implementing his philosophy "that community television doesn't have to be stale or boring."

Inflation rate of 30% predicted for Israel

TEL AVIV —
An annual inflation rate of 30% is predicted for this year by economists of Bank Hapoalim who this week issued their Survey of Economic Developments for Early 1987.

The report estimates that inflation will reach approximately 10% during the first four months of the year.

The bank experts point out that despite government efforts to neutralize the effect of the January devaluation on cost pushes, there is a danger that a proposed tax reform and subsequent increase in the budget deficit and disposable income will lead to a rise in demand pressures.

The Bank Hapoalim report "does not rule out the possibility of another devaluation in the second half of 1987," noting that the main problems facing the economy — wage levels, production costs and the profitability of exports — were not solved by the January devaluation. At the same time, it noted that the country's balance of payments position was favorable, with a reasonable prospect for a balanced current account, "leaving the government a degree of freedom in deciding on devaluation."

The concise 8-page economic survey is illustrated by graphs describing fluctuations in the state budget, real exchange rate and real wages during the seven years since 1980.

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Drabinsky gets award at Genies

TORONTO —
Theatre mogul Garth Drabinsky was presented with the 1987 Air Canada Award in recognition of his "outstanding contribution to the business of filmmaking in Canada" at the recent Genie Awards.

The award is presented annually by the board of directors of the Academy of Canadian Cinema and Television and Air Canada.

The academy described Drabinsky, who is chairman, president and chief executive officer of Cineplex Odeon Corp. and Plitt Theatres, as someone "recognized both within the industry and publicly as the model of entrepreneurial skill and success."

As co-founder, with N. A. (Nat) Taylor, of Cineplex Odeon which pioneered the multi-screen concept, he has been the moving force behind the establishment of the largest film exhibition circuit in North America, it said.

Drabinsky has produced six feature films including the Genie Award winning The Changeling (1980) and The Silent Partner (1978), and oversees Canada's largest film studio complex — Toronto International Studios.

He has "made many things possible and continues to make an outstanding and dramatic impact" on Canadian filmmaking the academy said.

Buying power of aged creating opportunities

TORONTO —
While the business community continues to depict the elderly as widowed, lonely people, there are numerous opportunities for entrepreneurs with the "vision" to cater to this age group, according to accountants Ornstein & Partners.

In a recent newsletter, the company says that many myths about the buying power of the elderly are slowly changing as the country's senior population expands.

In 1971 senior citizens numbered 1.7 million. Ten years later, they had reached over 2.3 million and by the time the last of the baby boomers reaches the age of 65 in the year 2031, elderly Canadians will number close to 6 million, accounting for 21% of the population.

As well as growing in numbers, the educational and income levels of the elderly are also rising. As a result of these changes, there will be a number of opportunties available in the marketplace for the business person with "vision."

The newsletter states that the housing industry is not yet directing any major efforts at the elderly. However, residences geared to the older lifestyle are already in demand and will continue to escalate, along with the need for furnishings and appliances and repair and maintainance services that go along with them.

"The retirement home business is a field that is becoming highly competitive despite the fact that it only serves about 10% of the overall market — the percentage in this group who live in institutions," the report states. "There are even more opportunities at the larger end of the market where few companies are tapping the potential of those who live in private homes."

The "graying" of Canada's population will affect food stores and grocery chains as consumers — whether shopping from their homes or having their orders delivered — seek nutritious, tasty, convenience foods.

The health consciousness of the aging population will also result in new medical products and services such as diagnostic kits and doctors who make housecalls.

To cater to the physical appearance of the elderly, hair and skin products and services will be designed to make older people feel more attractive and clothes will reflect their desire to look stylish.

Entertainment and transportation will be other areas influenced by the elderly with convenience and comfort being important selling features to customers who no longer have the energy of youth.

An aging population in need of financial security will also create a demand for a new range of financial services with special emphasis on investment vehicles such as pension and registered retirement savings plans and mutual funds, according to the newsletter.

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Brown, Philip March 10, 1987, late of 11 Gambellow Cres., Downsview.

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Ender, Jenny on March 15, 1987, late of 3638 Bathurst St., #402.

Gitelmakher, Basya on March 10, 1987, late of 755 Steeles Ave. W., #1102.

Jacobowitz, Rela on March 12, 1987, late of 68 Ranee Ave.

Mogilever, Fredra on March 14, 1987, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #318.

Romm, Lillian on March 12, 1987, late of 194 Waterloo Ave.

Rosenzweig (Ross), Harry on March 13, 1987, late of 7 Cottingham Rd.

Rubinoff, Samuel on March 12, 1987, late of 601 Finch Ave. W., #409.

Szendro, Alex on March 15, 1987, late of 4 Mascot Pl., #405.

Weisbart, Rose on March 12, 1987, late of 231 Hillhurst Blvd.

Steeles-College Memorial Chapel

OBITUARIES

Rachel Caspi on Mar. 12/87, late of 80 Antibes Dr., #202.

Abraham Cass on Mar. 9/87, late of 2 Pond Fernway.

Philip Ceresney on Mar. 12/87, late of 414½ Spadina Ave.

Ursual Ciborowski on Mar. 11/87, late of 50 Marbury Cres.

Abraham Cooper on Mar. 7/87, late of 70 Lynwood Ave.

William Deutch on Mar. 10/87, late of 1 Benvenuto Place, #325.

Goldie Fryman on Mar. 8/87, late of 318 Torresdale Ave.

Rosie Gold on Mar. 7/87, late of 6250 Bathurst St., #409.

Harry Hersh on Mar. 7/87, late of 3560 Bathurst St.

Rosalind Miller on Mar. 11/87, c/o 36 Howard Dr.

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SINGLES

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Metro Toronto Singles presents: Annual Jewish Singles weekend, May 21-24 at Clevelands House Resort. Weekend includes golf, tennis, socials. 222-7111.

Mayfair West Racquet Club, 3855 Chesswood Drive in Downsview is having its next Singles Party Saturday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. The action begins at 7:30 with a Tennis Round Robin. The dance begins at 9:00 p.m. Admission: $15.00 for non-members & $10.00 for Mayfair members. $6.00 after 9:00 p.m. for the dance. Reservations are a must for tennis. Call Marcia Levine at 638-1010. Don't delay!

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Toronto MLS housing median price rises 6.9%

TORONTO — The median price of MLS residential properties jumped to $155,500 in February, up 6.9% from January, says the Toronto Real Estate Board.

"The price increase is the highest in 12 months and is the result of an unexpectedly high demand for homes," says John Oliver, TREB president.

Members of TREB report sales of 5,604 for February, a monthly total that ranks second only to the 5,780 sales achieved in May of 1986.

"Clearly, people are buying to take advantage of low interest rates with the expectation that prices will continue to rise," Oliver said.

Although more properties are coming on to the market, the supply is still not at a level that will allow prices to stabilize, he said.

"Hopefully, more properties will come on stream in the next couple of months and the market will stabilize, assuming current market conditions persist," the TREB president added.

In February 5,604 MLS residential sales totaled $980,841,861, compared with 4,405 sales worth $547,545,715 in February of 1986. In the first two months of 1987, there were 9,243 residential sales through MLS worth $1,572,872,455, up from 7,937 sales for $965,580,538 reported to the end of February, 1986.

There were 9,897 transactions involving properties of all types valued at $1,884,907,806 in January and February, compared with 8,905 sales totaling $1,149,556,494 for the same period last year.

The median house price for February was $155,500; an increase of 34.1% over last year's figure of $116,000 and up 6.9% from $145,500 in January.

Condominium purchases accounted for 24% of MLS residential sales reported in February, compared to 21% a year ago. The 611 condominium apartments that sold for $79,754,950 averaged $130,532, while the 716 condominium townhouses that sold for $86,467,370 averaged $120,764.

In February, 1986, 434 apartments averaged $84,162 and 482 townhouses averaged $81,037.

Diamonds may give Jerusalem surplus

TEL AVIV — Israel is almost certain to show a trade surplus with Canada for 1986 on the strength of its diamond exports, a Canadian embassy official told The Jerusalem Post recently.

Preliminary figures that run through November, 1986 show Israel's exports to Canada came to $96 milion, while imports were $86.7 million.

Exports of cut diamonds totalled $28.4 million, more than a quarter of Israel's exports.

John Lang, the commercial counselor at the embassy, noted that Israel had become the third-largest market for Canadian products in the Middle East after Saudi Arabia and Bahrain, the Post said.

"Israel used to be the sixth (largest market)," he said. "Israel has assumed greater importance."

Canada, however, is balking at Israel's "buy back" policy under which countries whose goods are purchased by the Israeli government would be obliged to reciprocate.

The Industrial Cooperation Authority, a branch of the ministry of industry and trade, contends Israel's import of $10.4 million in Canadian barley last year obliges Canada to import Israeli merchandise of equal value.

Lang said such reciprocal arrangements could set a dangerous precedent.

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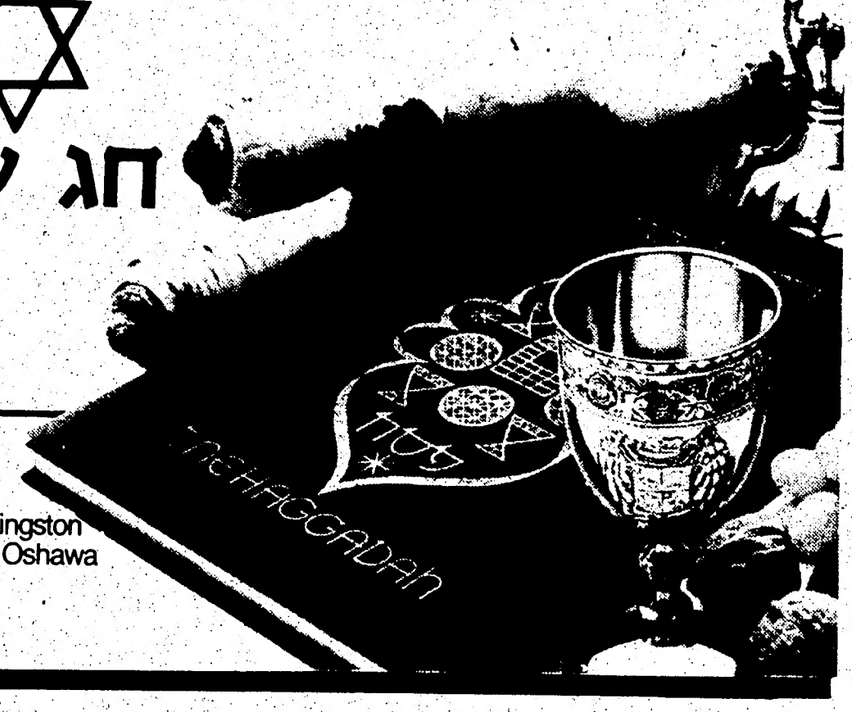

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